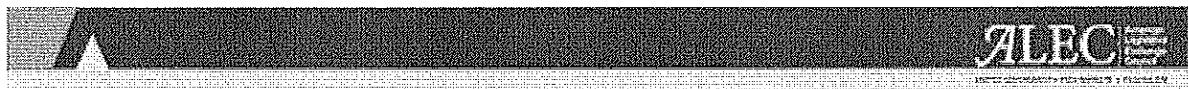


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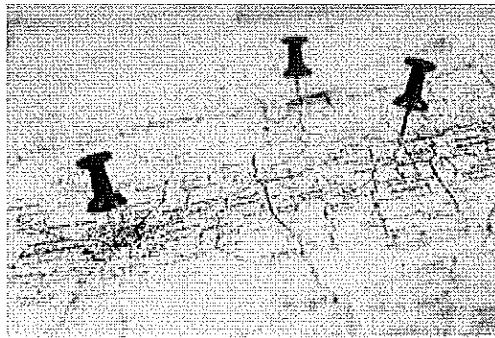
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Center Announcement

Have a Free Speech Issue Briefing in Your State

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We are currently scheduling issue briefings for the fall and planning ahead for 2019! These briefings cover the issues of campus speech, donor privacy and commercial speech. We have already held briefings in South Carolina, Michigan, Nebraska, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Pennsylvania and are continuing to hold briefings throughout the year.

If you are interested in having an issue briefing in your state on free speech, click below and Shelby Emmett will reach out to you soon.

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Free Speech News

The American Civil Liberties Union's Leaked Memo Reveals the Civil Liberties Organization is Committed to Free Speech—When Convenient

Robby Soave | *reason*



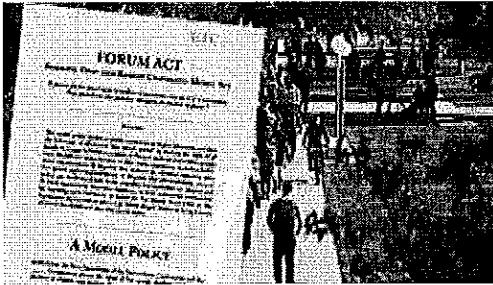
"Our defense of speech may have a greater or lesser harmful impact on the equality and justice work to which we are also committed," wrote ACLU staffers in a confidential memo obtained by former board member Wendy Kaminer.

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Campus Speech

ALEC-Influenced Free Speech Legislation Becomes Law in Louisiana

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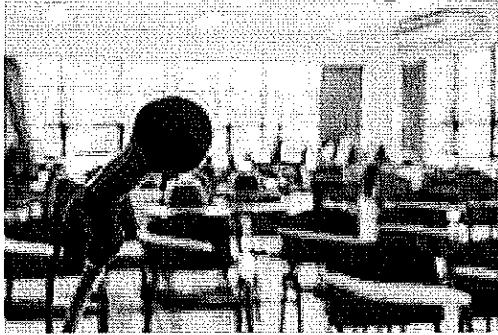


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Free Speech and Campus Inclusion: A Survey of College Presidents

Lorelle L. Espinosa, Jennifer R. Crandall, and Philip Wilkinson | *Higher Education Today*



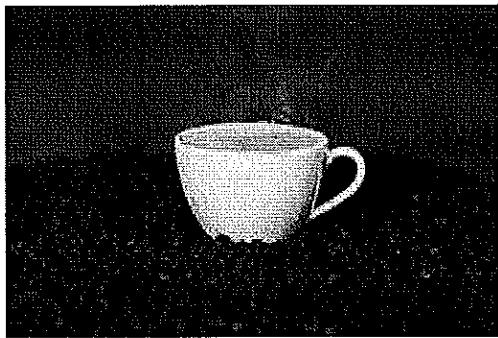
The American Council on Education (ACE) recently surveyed nearly 500 college and university presidents to get their take on the state of free speech and inclusion on campuses today, as a companion to the new Knight-Gallup survey on student attitudes toward the First Amendment. ([You can access that companion piece here.](#)) When asked "How important do you consider protecting citizens' free speech rights in our democracy?" Only 74% of college president's said "extremely important". This is concerning, especially for college presidents of public colleges and universities, as they are required under law to protect the First Amendment rights of their students. This is why holding administrators accountable—before simply punishing students—is paramount. Campus speech is a cultural problem, and the problem starts at the top.

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Commercial Speech

Give Me Coffee or Give me Death! Now the Government Wants to “Protect” Consumers from Coffee

Nate Raymond | Reuters



We all know California is ground zero of illogical, big-government policies designed to limit individual liberty, expand the size and role of government, and now, apparently make it harder for people to wake up and go to work on Monday mornings. In 2010, a lawsuit was filed by the Council for Education and Research on Toxics against coffee retailers arguing they were violating a California law that requires companies to warn consumers of chemicals in their products that could cause cancer.

In March, a Los Angeles judge ruled Starbucks and other coffee sellers must put a cancer warning on coffee sold in California, possibly exposing the companies to millions of dollars in fines. These local and state commercial speech regulations, usually disguised as necessary to

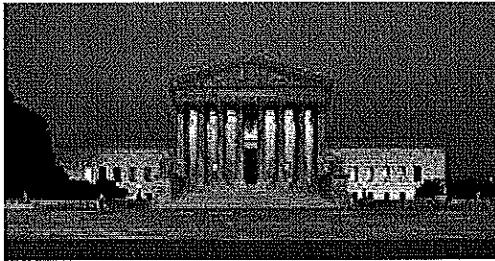
protect “public health”, may actually violate the First Amendment, hurt small and big business alike, and make it more expensive for consumers to buy products as the cost of compliance for such regulations is usually passed down to the consumer. Remember, it is imperative to empower consumers by protecting their right to receive truthful commercial information, and the rights of businesses to engage in the free exchange of such truthful information. The case will likely be appealed.

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Donor Privacy/Disclosure

NAACP v. Alabama after 60 Years: Should Associational Privacy Still Be Protected by the Constitution?

Cato Institute



Sixty years ago, the United States Supreme Court decided the landmark case of NAACP v. Alabama. The Court ruled against the state and discerned a “vital relationship between freedom to associate and privacy in one’s associations.” The decision remains a high point from the civil rights era. Since the decision, the Court has placed few limits on government’s power to mandate disclosure of political activities and associations.

As the new online era of speech dawns, the principles at stake in NAACP v. Alabama remain at the center of public debates. Is the right to associational privacy recognized in NAACP v. Alabama still good law? Or should the Court reconsider the tie between privacy and association? The CATO institute will host a vigorous debate on **Thursday, June 28th from 12pm-1:30pm** that takes this important anniversary as a starting point for our common future. If you can’t attend the debate, you can watch it live online at www.cato.org/live and join the conversation on Twitter using #Cato1A.

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Institute for Free Speech: Free Speech Index – Grading the 50 States on Political Giving Freedom

Institute for Free Speech



The Free Speech Index ranks and grades all 50 states on the freedom of individuals, political parties, and groups to contribute to causes and candidates they support. This tool will assist citizens, lawmakers, and the media in evaluating how their states treat political speech rights. You can access the full Free Speech Index – Grading the 50 States on Political Giving Freedom [here](#).

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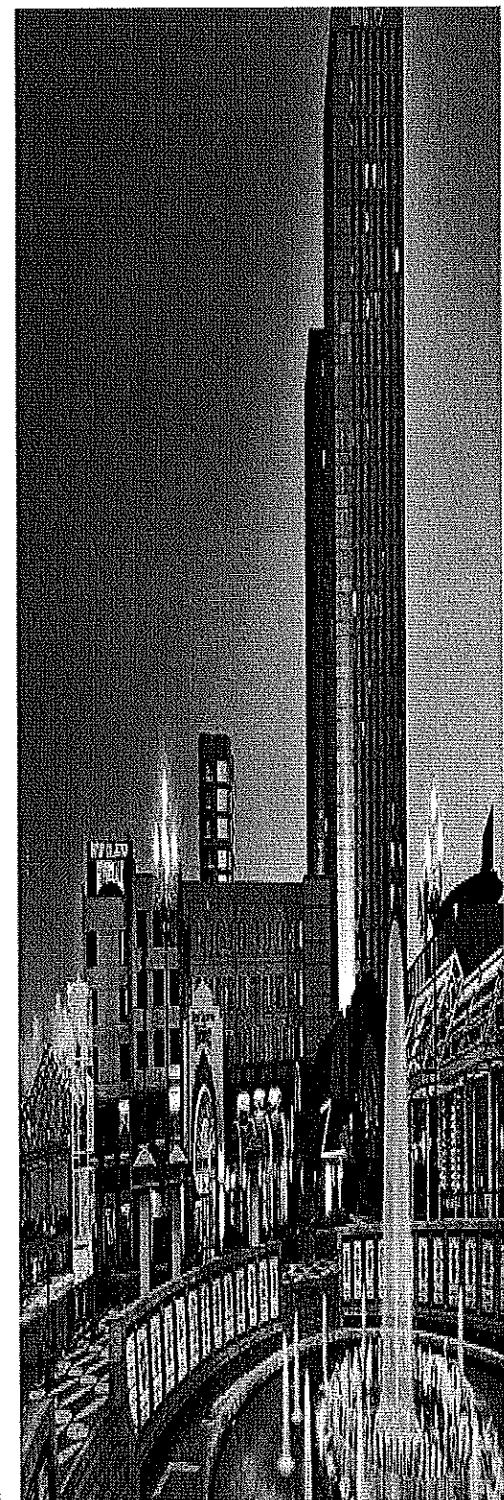
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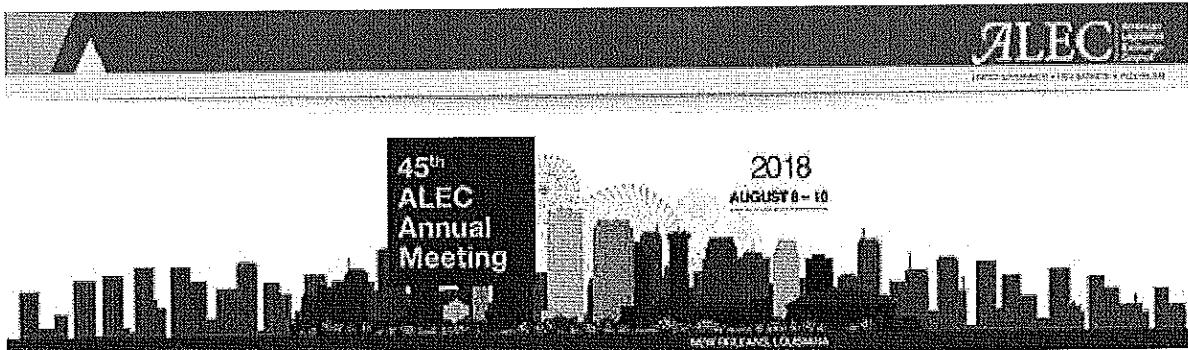
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ALEC Statement on *Janus v. AFSCME* Decision

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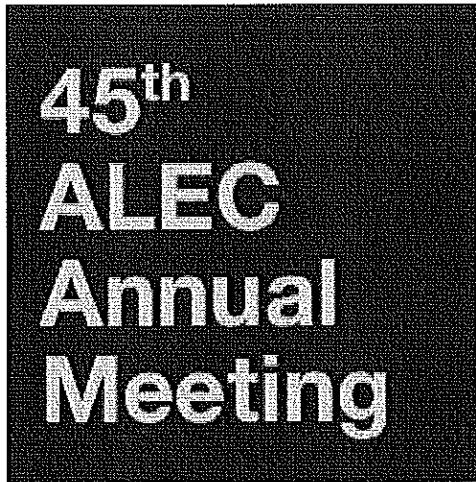
Yesterday, the Supreme Court released its decision in [Janus v. AFSCME](#), which concerns the mandatory collection of union fees. Click below to see the ALEC statement on the decision and to see why it represents a victory for free speech.

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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Finding Solutions in Ohio

Rep. Bill Seitz | OH-30



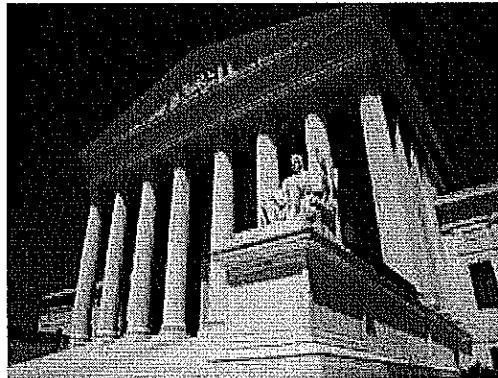
This week, ALEC and Freedomworks introduce **Ohio Representative Bill Seitz** as this week's Legislator of the Week. Representative Seitz has served in both houses of the Ohio Legislature and is familiar with the issues facing his state. Of particular importance to Representative Seitz are prison overcrowding, combatting the opioid epidemic and the development of a comprehensive energy policy for Ohio.

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Supreme Court

Single Retirement May Change Balance of Power on the Supreme Court

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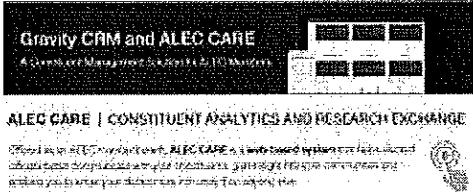


Yesterday, Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, effective July 31. With the upcoming midterm elections, both Democrats and Republicans will seek to rally their respective bases as the nomination process of Kennedy's successor moves forward.

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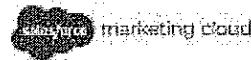
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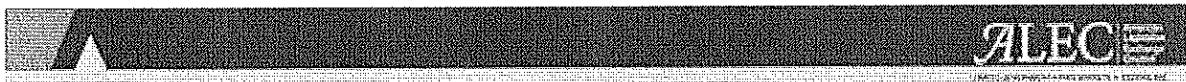
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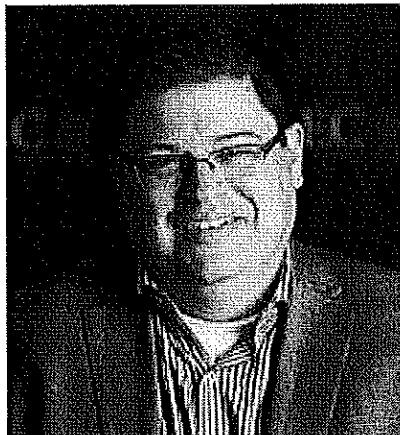
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Center for Innovation and Technology - July 3, 2018

States Make Game of Looting Video Games

From Center For Innovation and Technology VP Bartlett Cleland



Some might recall searching for “pirate treasure” in their youth, hoping to come across an abandoned gold mine brimming with wealth, or even finding a path to candy land. Some who are older search for the golden city of El Dorado, the Fountain of Youth, or the Knights Templar treasure on Oak Island. But online, for those playing video games, “loot boxes” are the sought treasure.

Loot boxes are a virtual item that may be found, or purchased, within some video games. They result in a player receiving a fairly random assortment of items that could include armor, weapons, a cosmetic item to customize a player’s “character” in the game, or other similar treasures. So, in other words, a loot box is a virtual treasure chest filled with randomized virtual loot for a person’s virtual character. But these in-game bits of fun and make believe are under attack, by the same sort of people who likely oppose an un-regulated and un-taxed kid’s lemonade stand.

Some state legislators have argued that loot boxes are corrupting and even introduced legislation to restrict them as they would restrict those who stand in a

casino pulling the arm of a slot machine, under the mistaken impression that somehow loot boxes were gambling. In Hawaii, legislation has been proposed that would disallow all retailers, brick and mortar as well as online, from selling games to anyone under twenty-one years old if the game includes loot boxes. Other legislation there would require video game companies to publicly disclose the odds of obtaining a vorpal blade or perhaps the "Road Hog" skin in Overwatch in a loot box. And just to make sure government can gain full regulatory power, the legislation would also give the state Department of Commerce the power to audit the game code to confirm the odds.

Legislators in the state of Washington were a bit more forthright in making clear that the real goal is merely to regulate video games. The author of the bill that would require the state gambling commission to examine loot boxes says, "What the bill says is, 'Industry, state: sit down to figure out the best way to regulate this.'" In Indiana, legislation was introduced that pre-judged the outcome, requiring an examination of whether loot boxes were a form of "predatory gambling." Other states to consider the issue have been California, Minnesota and New York.

So why would any state legislature be led to believe that a fun addition to a game that is not necessary for play of the game would be gambling? Hard to say, especially as loot boxes fail the three-part federal definition of gambling. To be considered gambling something of value must be staked for a chance to win something of value. For example, loot boxes return no prize as nothing of value in the real world is given, and because of the limitations of terms of service in the games, they cannot be converted to any real-world value. So, to the extent anyone finds the contents of a loot box valuable in the game, it is of value in a make-believe game, and therefore has pretend value.

Government has a tendency to keep growing, to expand into areas never considered as a place for regulation or taxation. Or as in this case, trying to define new activities to fit into existing regulatory models. Fueled by ignorance, attempts to regulate games is akin to legislatures wanting to bring expanded government to the land of make believe.



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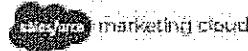


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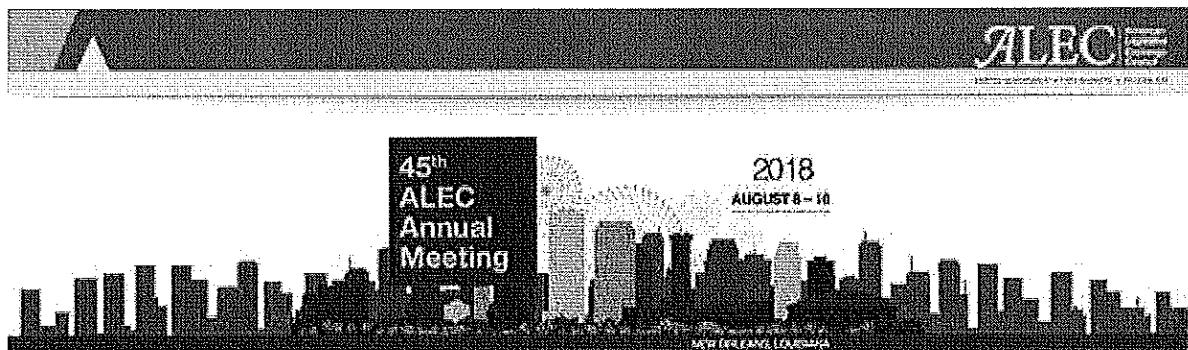


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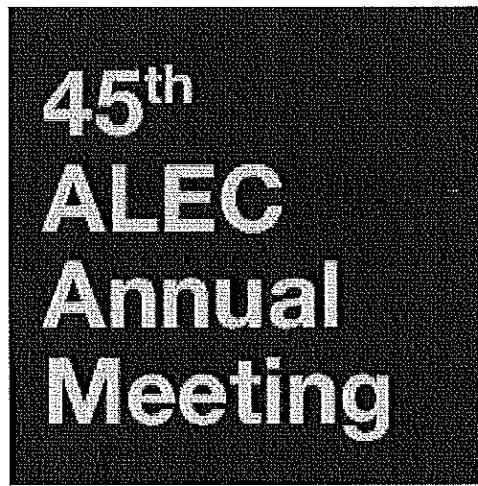
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Legislator Voices

Untangling PA's Finances Requires a Transparent State Government

Representative Seth Grove | PA-196 | *PennLive.com*



"Harrisburg has a problem when it comes to money. Our state government is not the most transparent in the nation...The time has come for Pennsylvania to adopt tried and true reforms to dramatically improve its financial transparency.

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Education

Schools Should Prioritize Great Teachers over Bureaucratic Bloat

Taylor Topham and Inez Feltscher-Stepman | Education



By streamlining district budgets and making sure we're rewarding effective teachers instead of multiplying bureaucrats, states and districts can retain the most crucial staff for students= 2 achievement and learning, rather than protecting those who are failing American students.

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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Spearheading Economic Empowerment in Nebraska

Senator Laura Ebke | NE-32



This week, ALEC and Freedomworks introduce **Nebraska Senator Laura Ebke** as this week's Legislator of the Week. Senator Ebke is a native Nebraskan who cares about reducing the footprint of government in everyday life. She sees unfair occupational licensing requirements as oppositional to economic development and has worked to lessen those burdens.

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Innovation and Technology

States Make Game of Looting Video Games

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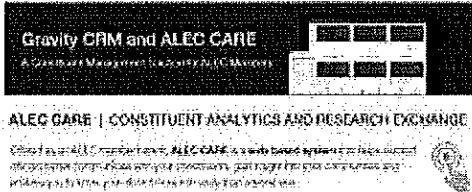


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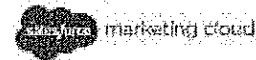
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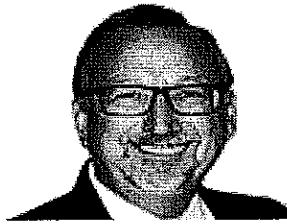
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Republican vs Democrats and those three letter "words": This is all you need to know when deciding how to vote...Republicans want to eliminate the IRS and Democrats want to eliminate ICE. OK, they may not be words, but it kind of says it all.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs: The best social welfare program is a job. The greatest equalizer in society is an education and a job. President Trump's policies are working. Everything Obama and the Democrats said could NOT happen is happening. Jobs are coming back to the U.S., tax incentive money parked overseas is coming back AND for the first time in history there are more JOBS available than people 'willing' to work. In other words, if you want a job, you can get one. Changing welfare to workfare makes sense.

Remember, government can NOT give anything to anyone until it first takes it from someone else. The Democrats strategy of Alinsky warfare and believing in that "if you rob Peter to pay Paul, you can normally count on Paul's support" is a strategy destined to destroy America.

Obama's Secret Citizenship: This is outrageous. President Obama secretly granted friends of the Iranian repressive government U.S. citizenship as a sweetener for his nuclear sell out. As if billions in cash to finance terrorism wasn't enough. There is a good chance that Obama gave Iranian terrorist U.S. passports to freely travel in the United States?!? History will NOT judge his presidency well.

#Walk Away: This isn't your father's, or John F. Kennedy's or any rationale America's Democratic Party. The leadership has lost it...they've gone off the left deep end. I wish the

Progressives or Socialist would break off and start their own party...make your case to the American people...I have faith!

Stand Your Ground: A tale of two states: in Connecticut, a man is sentence to 18 months in prison for defending himself while being attacked by several thugs. In Texas, a mom shoots a thug trying to steal her care while her kids were still in it. Texas vs Connecticut state laws?!?

I, Pencil: At the end of this week's articles, I share the classic essay "I, Pencil" written by Leonard Read. It gives a simple, concise example of why "central planning" (socialism) hasn't and can't work. My friend Larry Reed (President of FEE) described the essay in this way:

"Eloquent. Extraordinary. Timeless. Paradigm-shifting. Classic. Half a century after it first appeared, Leonard Read's 'I, Pencil' still evokes such adjectives of praise. Rightfully so, for this little essay opens eyes and minds among people of all ages. Many first-time readers never see the world quite the same again."

I would encourage EVERYONE to read the essay and share it with your friends.

-Saul Anuzis



Trump just keeps on confounding his hapless detractors

The left, much of the media and countless other opponents of President Trump have led a relentless, vicious, multi-pronged and often dishonest assault on him and his agenda since he first emerged as a presidential candidate in 2015. This assault, ramped up significantly during his presidency, has taken many forms: an apparently endless special counsel investigation, constant protests, bureaucratic stonewalling, "Deep State" leaking, continuous lawsuits, manufactured crises and outrage, daily media pounding and often false reporting, smears, personal attacks and abusive, even violent acts targeting his staff and supporters — all designed to cripple his ability to govern effectively.

While Trump's adversaries have been busy trying to execute their rolling putsch, however, the American people have been busy doing something else: supporting him and his policies. Instead of denting Trump, the perpetual outrage machine is creating the exact opposite dynamic.

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The U.S.' Colorblind Jobs Boom Under Trump Continues

'Inclusive' Boom: It may be a surprise, but President Trump is nowhere near as unpopular among minority voters as the biased mainstream media suggest. Why is that? In a word, jobs.

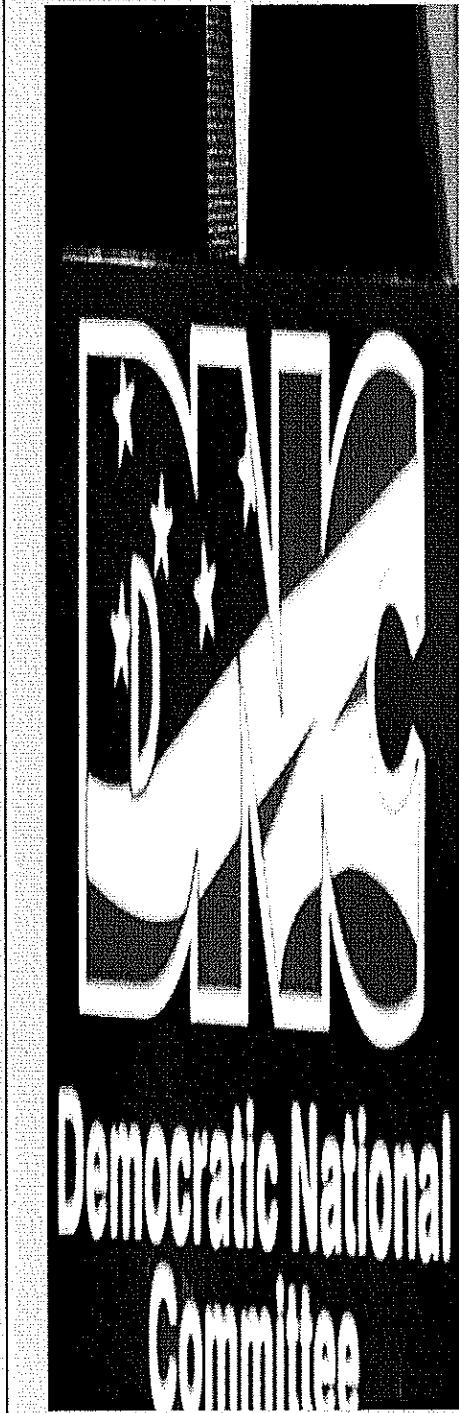
Trump, it turns out, has been the most consequential president in history when it comes to minority employment. In June, for instance, the unemployment rate for Hispanics and Latinos 16 years and older fell to 4.6%, its lowest level ever, from 4.9% in May. The previous all-time low was 4.8%.

African-American unemployment bounced up from its all-time low of 5.9% in May to 6.5% in June. But that 6.5% still represents the second-lowest unemployment reading ever for Black Americans.

As for Asian-Americans, unemployment similarly bounced off its all-time low of 2.1% in May, rising to 3.2%. And that's still 0.6 percentage point lower than when Trump entered office.

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The Democrats' Declaration of Dependence

This Fourth of July, as Americans celebrated our nation's Declaration of Independence, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) issued its own Declaration of Dependence.

Yes, the socialism that linked the historically murderous regimes of Hitler's Nazis, Stalin's Bolsheviks, and Mao's Red Guards is now the economic policy guiding the elite of the party of Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and John F. Kennedy. Somewhere, Henry Wallace is looking up and smiling.

How's that for "radical," Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?

Being a party that still must rely upon pesky elections for obtaining power, the multitasking DNC overtly played the identity politics game to gin up its midterm voter turnout and covertly ensured its new adherence to socialism was hog whistled to the Left. ("Hog whistling" is when Leftists communicate amongst themselves their desire for free stuff at others' expense with the taxpaying public being none the wiser, though soon to be poorer.) Hence, it is what the DNC didn't say in its Declaration of Dependence that is instructive, if ominous.

There was no mention of either "liberty" or "freedom."

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WaPo: Dems about to outrage themselves out of midterm win

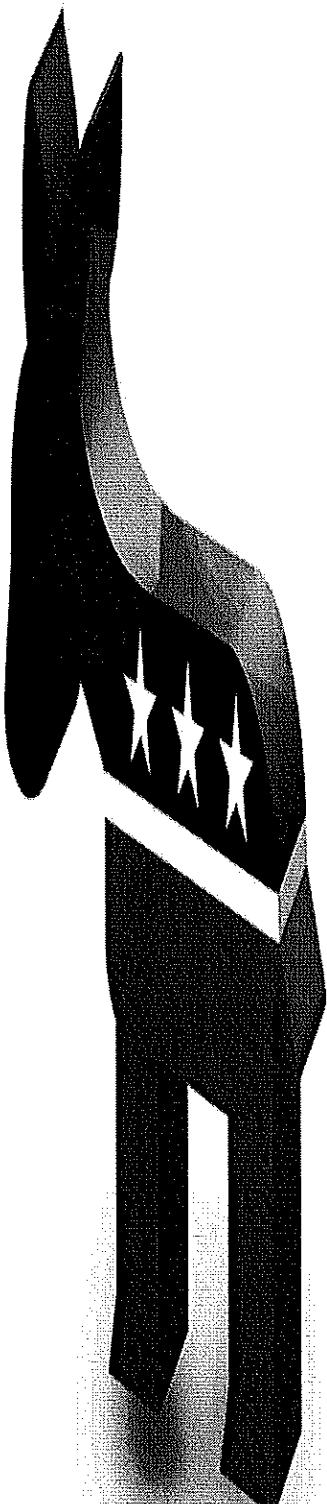
Will Democratic outrage finally eat itself? The Washington Post's Michael Scherer sends up that warning to the Left, arguing that hysteria over Donald Trump may well start backfiring on them. Last week's retirement of Anthony Kennedy has created an environment of such high drama within the Beltway and the media bubble that it threatens to fracture the party from just about everyone and everywhere else.

It's a good warning, but it doesn't come without a little editorializing:

Growing liberal agitation over a pivotal Supreme Court retirement and a simmering crisis about immigrant child separation have left Democratic leaders scrambling to keep the political outrage they'd counted on to fuel midterm election wins from becoming a liability for the party.

Internal party debates have broken into public view over maintaining civility and the usefulness of liberal slogans like "abolish ICE," which some Republicans have embraced to argue falsely that Democrats oppose immigration enforcement. At the same time, liberal activists have begun to argue for more radical measures to counter President Trump, who they assert presents an immediate threat to the republic.

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Donald Trump's mainstream immigration policy

Perhaps no Trump policy has provoked more emotional reaction than the practice of separating illegal border crossers from the children they brought with them to the U.S. There's no need to recount the number of times critics have called the president a Nazi, or a fascist, or just plain cruel.

The administration has now stopped the separation policy. But it plans to continue prosecuting illegal border crossers and, when those crossers bring children illegally into the U.S., will "detain families together during the pendency of immigration proceedings," according to an administration court filing in California.

That of course will not satisfy the critics, and legal challenges are sure to follow. But if a new poll is correct, it appears the Trump administration, after an enormously damaging few weeks, has ended up squarely on the side of the majority of American voters.

...But Bill Clinton left office in 2001, in the far-away pre-progressive days of the Democratic Party. The party's position on immigration today is unrecognizable to some old-style Clinton Democrats. And if Penn's findings are correct, most Americans are now closer to President Trump than the present-day Democratic Party.

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Border hypocrisies of the left

Attorney General Jeff Sessions called out critics of President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" border policy on illegals as hypocrites, saying many of these same people who want to open America's doors wide to anyone and everyone are also going home, hunkering down and resting comfortably in their gated, fenced, walled and even armed-guarded communities.

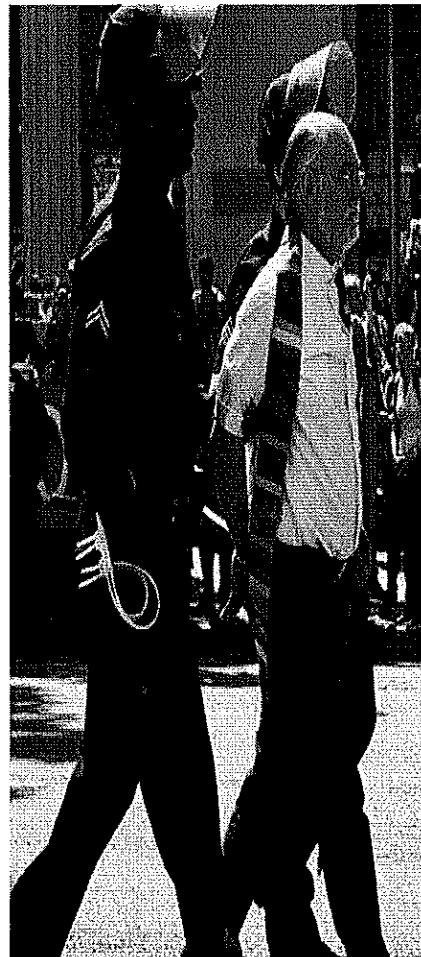
Bing. Go.

"These same people live in gated communities, many of them, and are featured at events where you have to have an ID even come in and hear them speak," Sessions said, delivering remarks at the Criminal Justice League Foundation's annual luncheon in Los Angeles, NBC News noted. "They like a little security around themselves."

...Enforcing border controls is not an act of cruelty.

But demanding open borders in the morning, heading back to the safety of armed guarded, metal-detected offices in the afternoon and going home to sleep safely behind gated communities at night are pure acts of hypocrisy. The American people deserve better. The American people deserve lawmakers who live as they preach — or, at least, who preach as they live.

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Supreme Court Says Foreign Nationals Have No Due Process Rights Here

Contrary to what the liberal media and open-borders advocates say, immigrants are not owed same constitutional protections as regular Americans

President Donald Trump recently suggested that illegal aliens should be sent back to their countries of origin without hearings and the years of litigation that often follow.

He branded the current process, which permits illegal aliens to repeatedly contest orders of removal, as "a mockery to good immigration policy and law and order."

The mainstream media wasted no time in characterizing his suggestion as a "push to end due process for illegal immigrants." And multiple news outlets made all manner of wild claims about the so-called rights of illegal aliens. But once again, in an effort to portray the chief executive as a xenophobe, the open-borders lobby has gotten its facts backward.

Trump is actually right on the mark. Much of the current legal framework for removing illegal aliens from the United States consists of badly reasoned federal district court decisions, ridiculous settlement agreements, and politically motivated policy decisions.

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Comparing Border Children To U.S. Foster Kids Proves The Outrage Is Disgustingly Selective

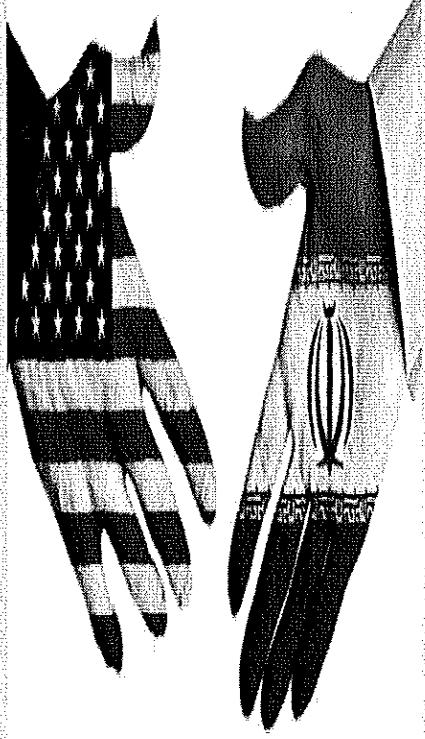
A civilized and decent society protects the vulnerable, and nothing is more vulnerable than a young child. All hurting children deserve our compassion and, if necessary, righteous anger. All children. Why, then, do we anguish over migrant children separated from their parents at the border, but ignore the plight of American children in foster care?

Unless you have a heart of stone, you've ached for the 2,053 children who were forcibly separated from their parents at the border since May. The national outcry and outrage was so intense that President Trump issued an executive order that families be detained together going forward. District Court Judge Dana Sabraw issued an injunction that all the children be reunited with their parents within 30 days, or within 15 days if they are under the age of five. The Department of Homeland Security reports that 522 of the minors have been returned to their parents so far. The compassion and righteous anger moved mountains.

Where is the same compassion and righteous anger for foster children?

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Obama administration granted citizenship to 2,500 Iranians during nuclear deal: Iran official

The Obama administration granted citizenship to 2,500 Iranians, including family members of government officials, while negotiating the Iran nuclear deal, a senior cleric and member of parliament has claimed.

Hojjat al-Islam Mojtaba Zolnour, who is chairman of Iran's parliamentary nuclear committee and a member of its national security and foreign affairs committee, made the allegations during an interview with the country's Etemad newspaper, cited by the country's Fars News agency.

He claimed it was done as a favor to senior Iranian officials linked to President Hassan Rouhani, and he alleged the move sparked a competition among Iranian officials over whose children would benefit from the scheme.

He claimed that the deal was made during negotiations for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which was reached in July 2015. President Trump announced in May that the U.S. would withdraw from the agreement.

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The Republican Party's Joyful Warrior

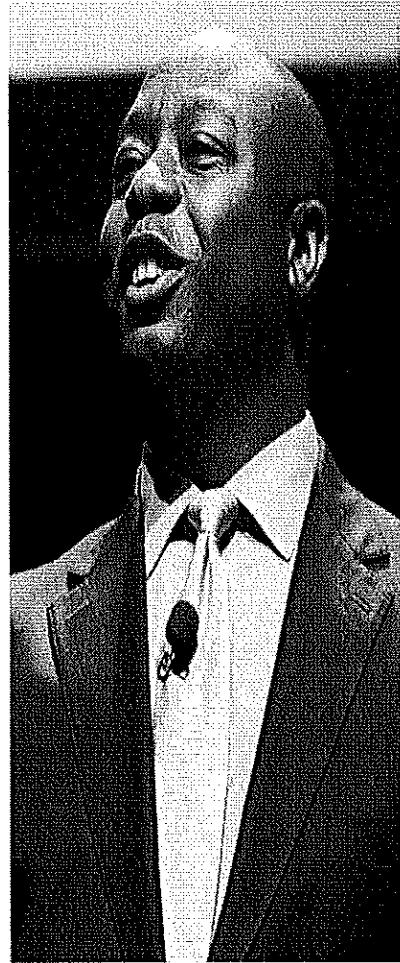
Tim Scott could help shift the GOP and the nation in a less rancorous direction. = 9

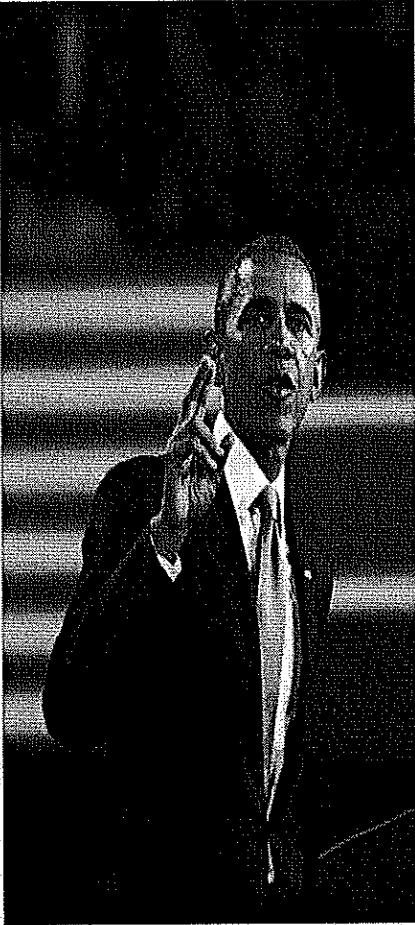
Though today's Republican party is viewed increasingly through the lens of the seemingly rudderless Donald Trump and his populist adherents, many on the right are disenchanted with this vision, and they're ready for a change.

Unsettled conservatives would do well to turn to South Carolina senator Tim Scott, a man who has illustrated in just a few short years that he has both the desire and the capacity to rebrand conservatism for a new age.

When Scott entered the U.S. Senate in 2013, he was the first African-American senator from the South since Reconstruction — and, like those earlier senators, a Republican. While he has consistently refused to use his race as a trump card or to score cheap political points, he never shies away from the reality of his upbringing. And there is no question that his story uniquely situated him to step forward as a conservative leader in a time of bitter political division.

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Trump Blamed for Death of Reporters...Did Media Blame Obama for Cop Killers?

Before learning about the suspect's mental issues and his long-standing feud with the newspaper, some in the media blamed President Donald Trump. After all, critics said, Trump routinely denounces "fake news" as an existential threat to our republic. Connect the dots, they said. Blame Trump! CNN aired a montage of Trump's attacks on the media. Rob Cox, a Reuters editor, tweeted: "This is what happens when @realDonaldTrump calls journalists the enemy of the people. Blood is on your hands, Mr. President." Another reporter, who later resigned, even falsely tweeted that the shooter was wearing a MAGA cap. How do you get that wrong?

How dare the President call out the anti-Republican media for its decades of biased reporting? Pew Research, in 2013, found that only 7 percent of reporters called themselves Republican. How dare Trump attack The New York Times, which has not endorsed a Republican presidential candidate since 1956? How dare Trump go after The Washington Post, which has never endorsed a Republican presidential candidate. And how dare Trump refer to CNN -- one of whose "news" anchors, Don Lemon, has called Trump "a racist" - as fake news.

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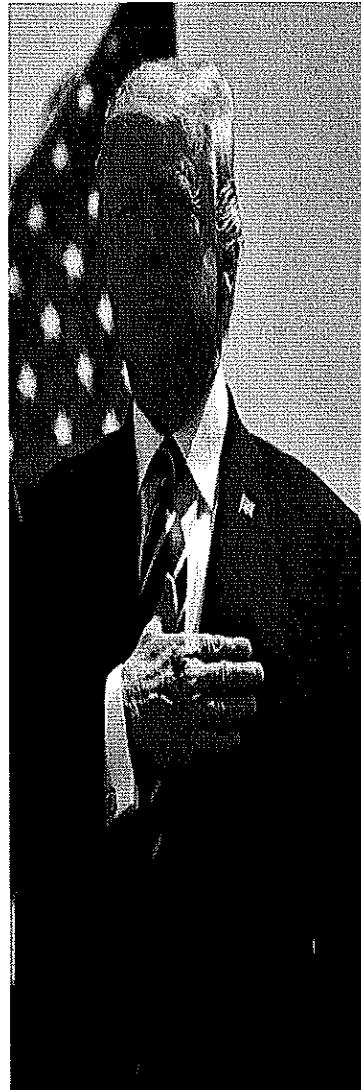
Federalism, Bipartisanship and The National Popular Vote – Dispelling Myths

President Trump pointed out in an April 26, 2018 Fox & Friends interview, “I would rather have the popular vote...the Electoral College is set up perfectly for the Democrats...they should never lose the Electoral College.” If you listen to some conservative political pundits, reforming our system for electing the President by a national popular vote is a progressive boogeyman hiding in the closet. They would have you believe it is a proposal that will eviscerate the U.S. Constitution and destroy the cherished principle of federalism.

These are myths and scare tactics used by opponents of the National Popular Vote. Let me address some of these recent myths.

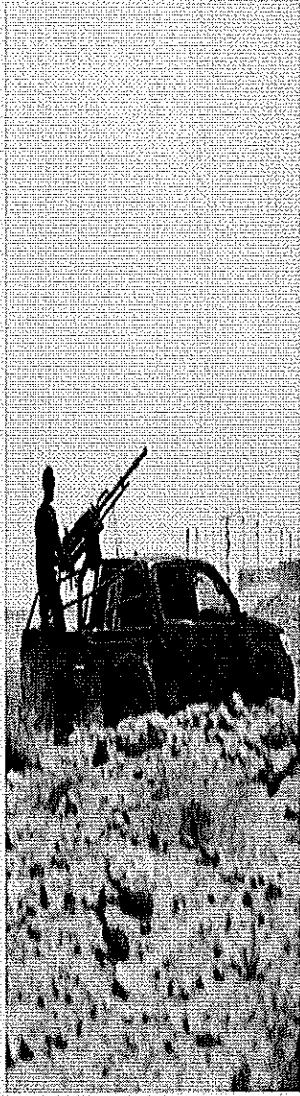
The National Popular Vote reform proposal is NOT a progressive or liberal reform. It is a bipartisan/nonpartisan interstate compact that would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. I support the National Popular Vote and my conservative bona fides are well established, having been involved with the Conservative movement for over 30 years. If my resume does not suffice, 8 former ALEC chairs have endorsed the National Popular Vote. If that is still not enough evidence, former RNC Chairman, Michael Steele, and former Speaker, Newt Gingrich, support the National Popular Vote. National Popular Vote legislation has previously passed the Republican-controlled Arizona House of Representatives, Oklahoma Senate and New York Senate.

Most recently passed by Connecticut, the National Popular Vote is the constitutionally appropriate way to preserve the Electoral College and to make every voter, in every state, relevant in every presidential election. The National Popular Vote does NOT amend the U.S. Constitution. The National Popular Vote does NOT get rid of the Electoral College. The U.S. Constitution (Article II, Section 1) gives states exclusive control to award their electoral votes: “Each State shall appoint, in such a



Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors..." The current system of state winner-take-all laws used in 48 states is not the Founders' system. Winner-take-all laws were not debated at the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Over 22 days and 30 votes on how to elect the President, not one vote was taken on state-based, winner-take-all laws. The Federalist Papers did not opine on winner-take-all laws. The Founders' system – the United States Constitution – grants state legislatures plenary power to determine how each individual state awards their electors.

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The Puzzle of Russian Behavior in Deir al-Zour

A frightening event in U.S.-Russia relations unfolded in February near Deir al-Zour in eastern Syria, as both sides battled the remnants of the Islamic State. In violation of a 2015 deconfliction agreement that divided the area into zones of Russian and U.S. military control, around 500 pro-Syrian fighters – most of whom spoke Russian, but whose citizenship remains unverified – crossed the Euphrates River to the U.S. side from the Russian-controlled zone. On Feb. 7 these fighters used Russian tanks, artillery, and mortars to attack a U.S.-supported Kurdish opposition outpost located next to a Conoco natural gas plant. Local U.S. forces first fired back at the attackers using anti-tank missiles and machine guns, and then called in massive air strikes as the fighters continued their attack. The resulting four-hour battle killed 200 to 300 of the attacking forces, according to documents released by the Pentagon. The casualties included a large number of fighters from the Wagner mercenary group of Russian and pro-Russian veterans who had earlier fought on Moscow's side in eastern Ukraine. (No U.S. or Kurdish casualties were reported.)

In other words, at a time of high geopolitical tension, the military forces of one nuclear superpower directly engaged hundreds of heavily armed and hostile citizens of another nuclear superpower, who may or may not have been acting at the behest of that superpower.

Russia's actions in the wake of this event have been perplexing. The United States used the special deconfliction phone line for Syria with its Russian counterparts "before, during, and after the strike," according to the Pentagon, presumably making Moscow aware that an American strike was likely. "We were assured by the Russians that there were no Russians involved," the Pentagon noted. U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis testified that "the Russian high command in Syria assured us it was not their people." But the Russian foreign ministry later admitted that five Russian citizens were killed, and still later said that while "Russian service members" did not participate, several dozen Russian (and pro-Russian Ukrainian) citizens were wounded and flown back to Russia for treatment. However, nearly all experts agree that Russia is

understating these figures. Unofficial estimates by Russian doctors and family members indicate that at least 80 Russians died, with some reports claiming an even higher toll.

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Europe SHOULD Pay its Fair Share: Why Is America Still Defending Europe?

Donald Trump will go to the NATO summit in Europe next week with these simple questions on his mind: Why should America should spend over 3.1 percent of GDP on defense, while Germany spends just 1.2 percent and the EU as a whole only 1.5 percent? Why should Americans pay so much more to defend Europe than these countries are willing to spend to defend themselves?

These are perfectly reasonable questions, and of course Trump is not the first president to ask them. He is, however, the first president who might actually demand answers, and who might well take action if he doesn't get the answers he wants.

We have now learned enough about the way Trump conducts foreign policy not to dismiss his ideas just because they do not fit the established patterns of U.S. policy. Reports that he told the G7 last month that NATO was "worse than NAFTA" and that his administration is weighing the options to withdraw U.S. forces from Europe need to be taken seriously. And that means we need to take seriously the questions that he is asking: Why should America pay to defend Europe?

Moreover the closer you look at this question the bigger it becomes. In fact it is far bigger than even Donald Trump seems to realize when he focuses on the gaps between American and European defense budgets. That is because when we consider the real cost to America of defending Europe, we have to look at much more than the size of U.S. defense budget and the price tag on America's European-



based forces. We must consider the costs of committing those forces to combat, and the costs of whatever war might then ensue.

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Librarians Airbrush Laura Ingalls Wilder's Name from Award

Who's next? Mark Twain, Shakespeare, Hemingway? Politically correct radicals are now beating up on Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of the beloved "Little House on the Prairie" children's books, which inspired a long-running TV series starring Michael Landon that ran from 1974 to 1983.

The Association of Library Services for Children, a part of the larger American Library Association, has unanimously voted to strip Wilder's name from a prestigious book award it has given since 1954. The reason? "Wilder's legacy, as represented by her body of work, includes expressions of stereotypical attitudes inconsistent with ALSC's core values of inclusiveness, integrity and respect, and responsiveness."

...What all of these authors have in common is that their characters spoke and behaved as people really did during their time. Their books are witnesses to our history, which does indeed include examples of racist and bigoted stereotypes. But isn't it better to have children confront such issues rather than treat them like snowflakes? At its best, literature forces us to wrestle with issues, even when they are not pretty.

If we continue to impose our modern-day sensibilities on historical figures, we'll eventually fail to celebrate any of them. No one will be woke enough; everyone will need to be erased.

I have always had a soft spot for librarians, people charged with introducing children to great literature and great ideas. I worked my way through college for two summers as a librarian. The people with whom I worked loved sharing books with children. They didn't view their role as that of a censor or scold. Ironically, by unfairly slashing away at the reputation of Laura Ingalls Wilder they are resurrecting an old, discarded stereotype of librarians as prissy and pedantic. How ironic it would be if librarians — who should want children to be open

and curious — once again develop a reputation of being close-minded.

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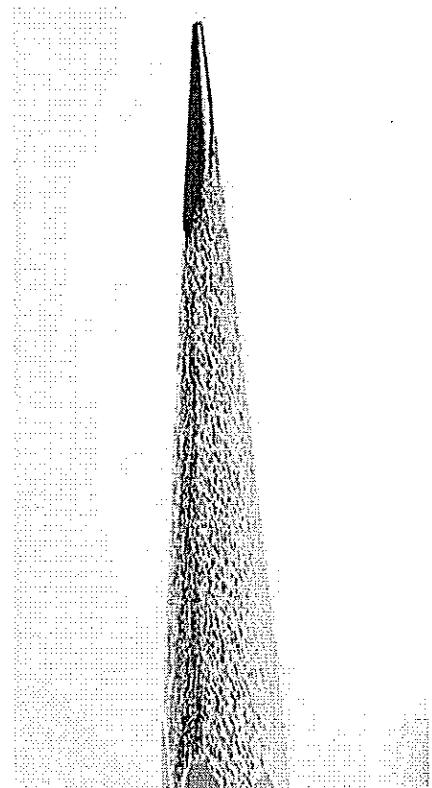
A Classic: “I, Pencil”

Eloquent. Extraordinary. Timeless. Paradigm-shifting. Classic. Six decades after it first appeared, Leonard Read's “I, Pencil” evokes such adjectives of praise. Rightfully so, for this little essay opens eyes and minds among people of all ages. Many first-time readers never see the world quite the same again.

Ideas are most powerful when they're wrapped in a compelling story. Leonard's main point—economies can hardly be “planned” when not one soul possesses all the know-how and skills to produce a simple pencil? Unfolds in the enchanting words of a pencil itself. Leonard could have written “I, Car” or “I, Airplane,” but choosing those more complex items would have muted the message. No one person—or repeat, no one, no matter how smart or how many degrees follow his name—could create from scratch a small, everyday pencil, let alone a car or an airplane.

This is a message that humbles the high and mighty. It pricks the inflated egos of those who think they know how to mind everybody else's business. It explains in plain language why central planning is an exercise in arrogance and futility, or what Nobel laureate and Austrian economist F. A. Hayek aptly termed = “the pretence of knowledge.”

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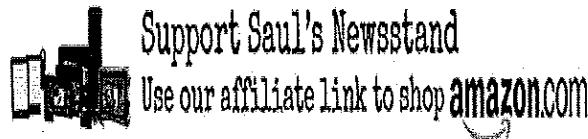
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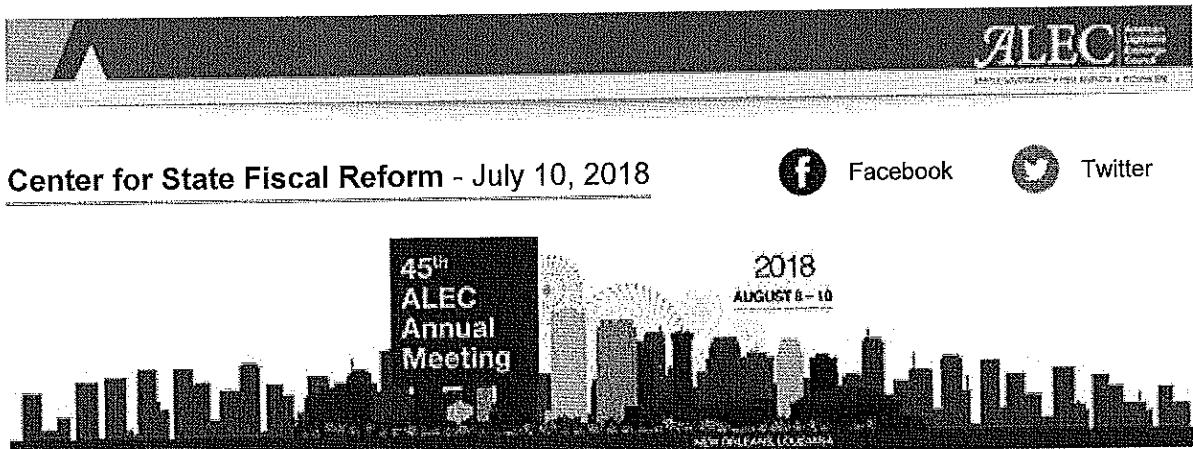
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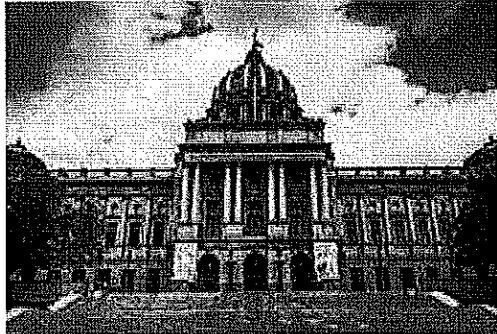


ALEC Chief Economist and VP of the Center for State Fiscal Reform **Jonathan Williams** joined Pennsylvania statewide TV program **PMA Perspective** to discuss the 11th Edition of *Rich States, Poor States* as well as the state of fiscal policy in Pennsylvania. Williams also joined the **Caffeinated Thoughts Podcast** to talk about economic outlook in Iowa as the Center continues to address fiscal issues at the state level.

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Protecting taxpayers, growing our economy, and adding good-paying jobs will always be a top priority for my office. I am proud our pro-growth, pro-taxpayer, economic policies are being recognized.

Fiscal discipline remains as important as ever; generally speaking, states with responsible spending habits, lower tax rates and fewer regulations outperform others in economic growth. It's encouraging to see so many governors endorsing market-oriented tax and fiscal policies.

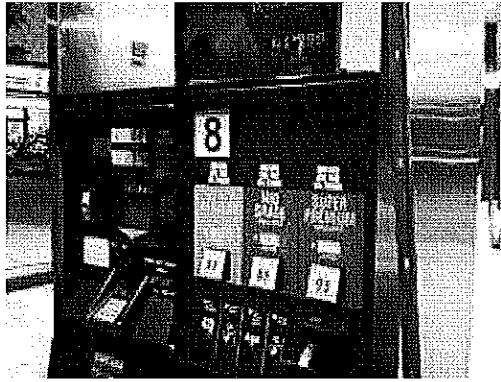
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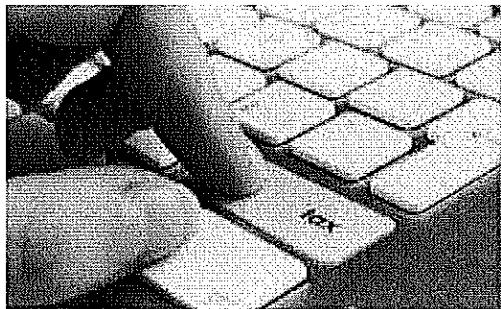
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Jonathan Williams and Jessica Melugin | *Washington Examiner*



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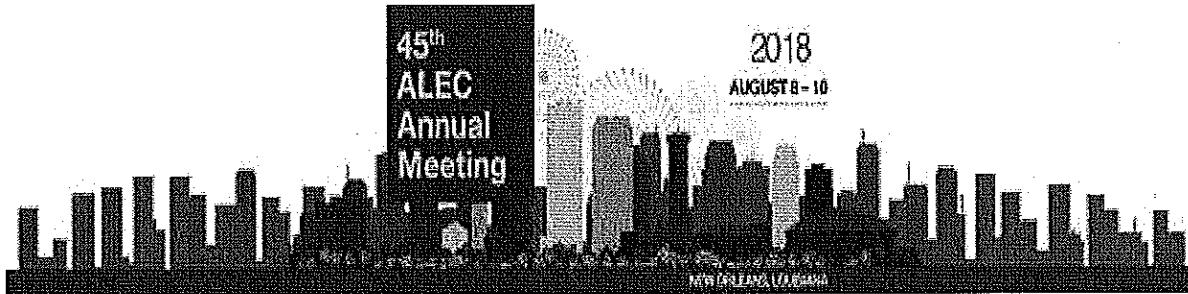
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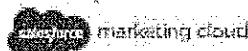
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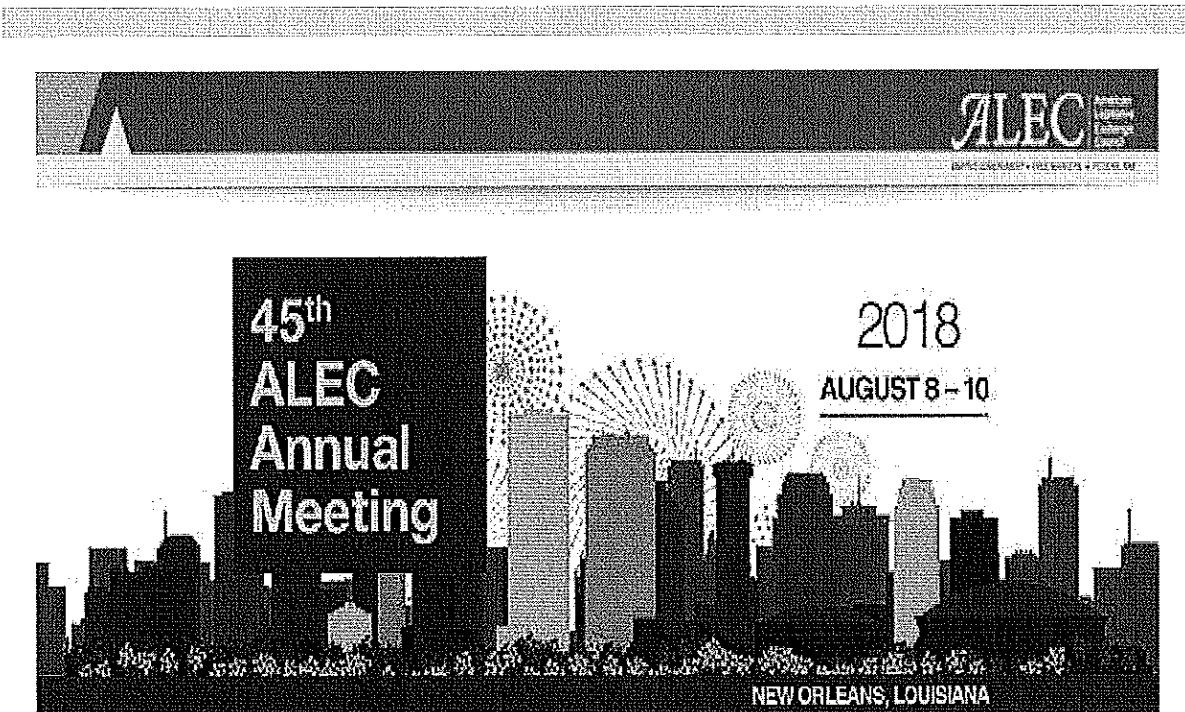
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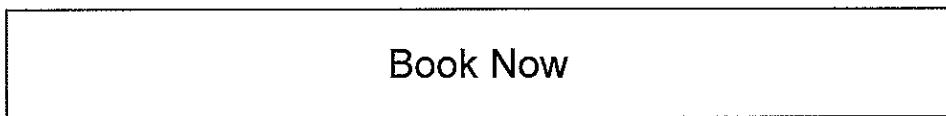
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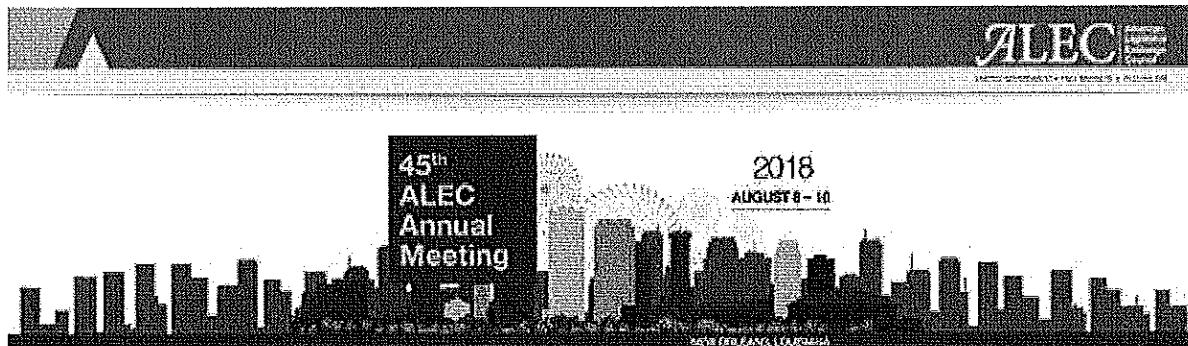
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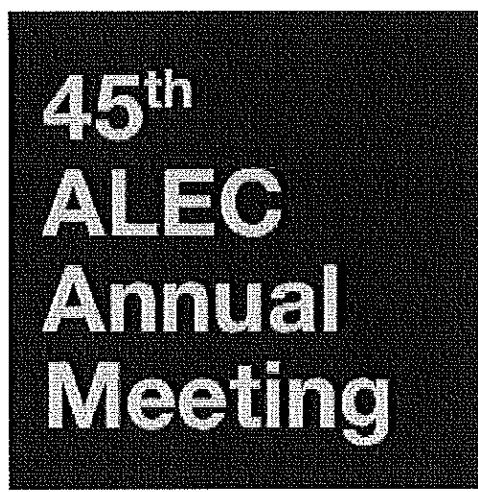
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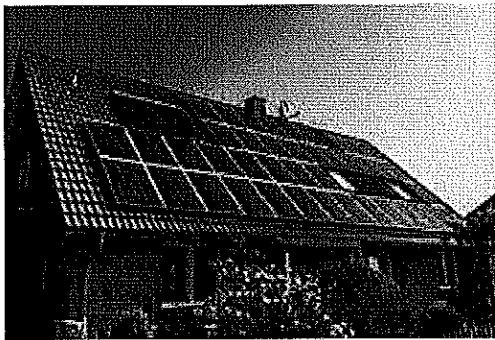
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Grant Kidwell and Kevin Kim | Energy, Environment, and Agriculture



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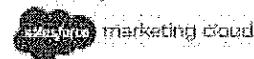
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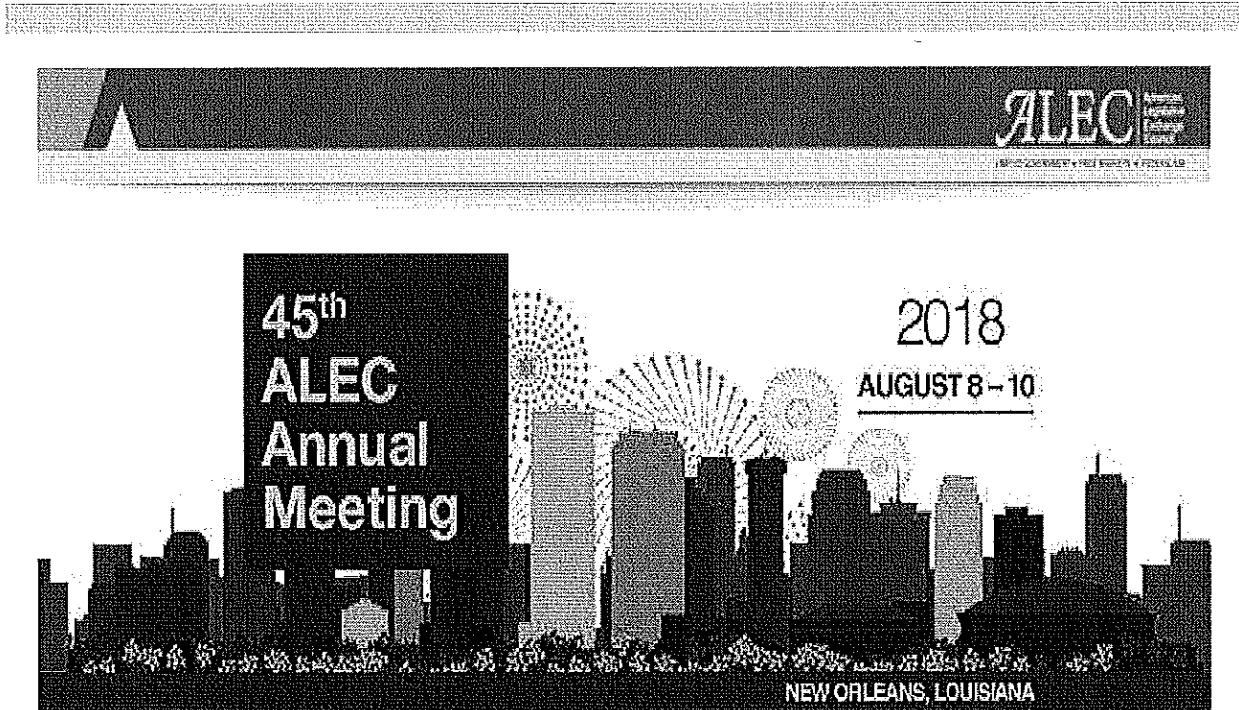
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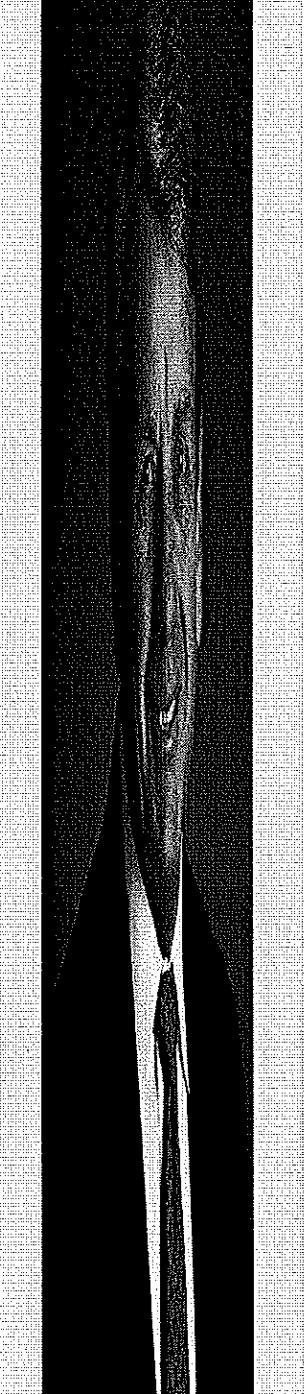
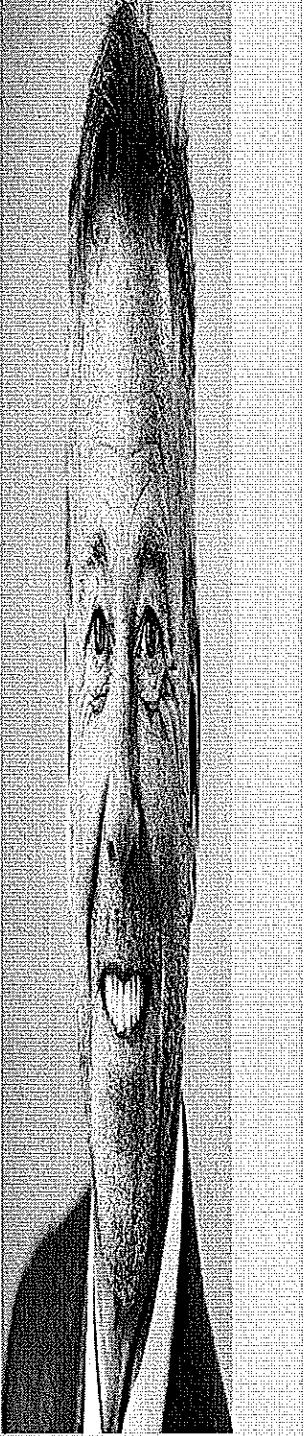
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Reception: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Mr. Michael B. Farris

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Followed by a
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8:30 PM- 9:30 PM

The Free Speech Desert Reception is a unique opportunity to see how speech regulation impacts everyday life. We all know free speech is protected by the First Amendment, but it is an abstract concept. At the reception, you will interact with policymakers and experts throughout the country as you enjoy sweet treats and other goodies—but be sure to follow the rules and read all the labels before having too much fun.

- Mingle with ALEC attendees as you learn how your state measures up in protecting the privacy of donors.
- Listen to some good New Orleans Jazz (and some censored tunes too) as you experience what life is like on a college campus with ridiculous speech codes.
- Fill up on some tasty desserts while learning how our favorite treats may be the new Enemy of the State.

Free Speech is under attack all across the country—let's have fun while we (still) can.

ALEC Cigar Reception

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Dear ALEC members,

I recently spent two days at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library with several past ALEC chairman to film the 45th anniversary video. Hearing stories from ALEC leaders of the 1980s, 1990s and from more recent years illustrated the consistent track record of success and free-market reform that's taken place at the hand of ALEC members. **ALEC is the leading forum for legislator learning.** And, ALEC members are more professional, more collaborative and have a deeper understanding of how sound state policy can help all Americans lead a better life. As we come together in New Orleans next month to celebrate 45 years of ALEC, it's important to remember **ALEC is more than a nonprofit member association.**

At ALEC, every individual has the opportunity to lead change—to be a real problem solver. In 1989, the first school choice bill in America was crafted by an ALEC member in Wisconsin. In 1991, after becoming ALEC model policy, 45 bills were introduced across the states—each one by an ALEC member. In more recent years, the same can be said for tax, pension, lawsuit and licensing reform; fighting overcriminalization; increasing business competition and reducing regulation. At nearly every point where state policy meets jobs and the economy, ALEC has and remains a convener and a leader. And, it's not because of ALEC. **It's because of you.**

You know that the most important decisions impacting our nation today are made in the states. In 1991, President Reagan encouraged ALEC members, "The critical questions of our day will be decided by state legislators:

how our children are educated, how they are protected from crime, how we safeguard our environment while building a strong and growing economy, how we end the scourge of drugs, how we care for those in need."

The same is true today. States lead the way.

Keep that in mind as you prepare for the ALEC meeting next month. Attending the ALEC meeting is more than traveling to participate in a task force or listen to a panel discussion. **Attending the ALEC meeting is about being on the ground floor of societal change.** It's about offering your energy, enthusiasm and insight and receiving the same in return.

As you know from ALEC meeting recruitment emails, more than 1,000 people have already signed up because we have an exciting agenda including U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar; workshops on school security, American energy dominance, transportation funding, and many others. We'll also have a very interesting, experiential learning opportunity in the form of a free speech dessert reception following the Leadership Dinner, during which attendees will both have fun and leave with a better understanding of what it means to protect donor privacy or deal with college campus *speech codes*.

Over the years, I've heard a variety of descriptors for ALEC: ALEC is where the action is. ALEC is where good ideas get going. ALEC is the premier free-market organization for state legislators. While all those things are true, I think the best description is this:

You are ALEC. You make the free market work. And, you invest in one another at ALEC meetings and through other ALEC programing to make your communities and your states better. You are the rising tide that has an uncompromising commitment to limited government, free markets, and federalism.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in New Orleans from July 8 – 10, 2018.

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Nelson
Chief Executive Officer

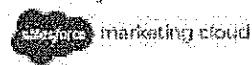


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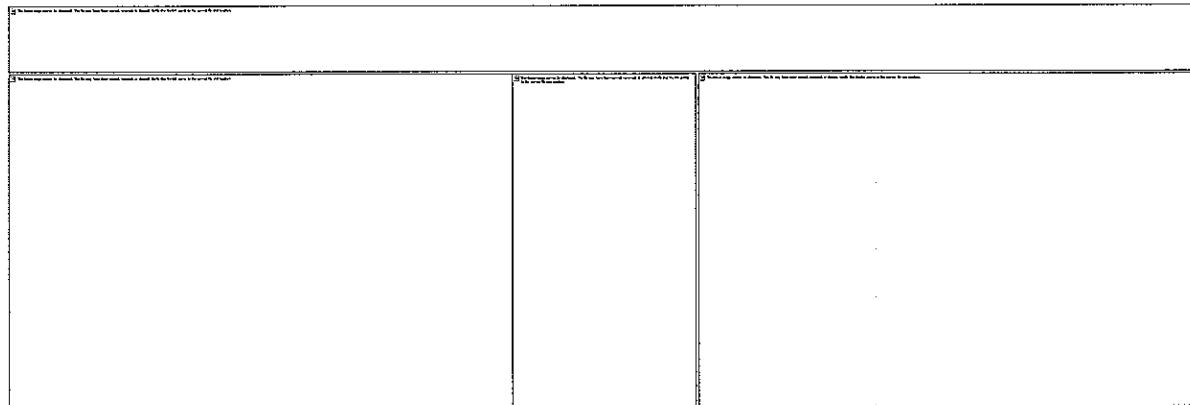


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Top Retail Trends Webinar Coming March 9th SEP

Please join Chris Boring from Boulevard Strategies as he overviews the rapid changes occurring in the retail industry with a presentation of the top trends for 2016. This year's trends include the state of department stores, web retailers opening bricks and mortar stores, the rise of mobile commerce, the shopping habits of Millennials, and free same day package delivery, among others. Chris's presentation will also address the state of independent retailers and restaurants in Ohio's 82 non-urban counties as well as 10 things Main Street merchants need to do to remain relevant in the modern world. Whether you are a Main Street manager, a Main Street merchant, or just someone who enjoys a little "retail therapy" once in a while, be sure to tune in for a fun and educational session. Webinars are free for [Heritage Ohio members](#). Read more [HERE](#) SEP SEP

Ohio Arts Council Grant Programs

The OAC Guidelines 2017 describe how funds entrusted to the Ohio Arts Council by the Governor and Ohio Legislature are to be invested in arts and culture, as well as the expected returns on those investments: quality arts experiences that strengthen Ohio artistically, educationally, and culturally. Organizational awards will be made in operating and project support programs. Read more [HERE](#) SEP SEP

National Main Street Conference Early Bird Registration Ends Today Main Street Now is the largest nationwide gathering of commercial district revitalization professionals in the nation. Held in the spring, this annual event draws community leaders from small towns, mid-sized cities and urban neighborhood business districts. The conference brings together approximately 2,000 dedicated professionals, boards, municipal staff, and other key decision makers to share their successes and challenges and foster new ideas and solutions for preservation-based revitalization. Read more [HERE](#)

Community Development Funding Opportunities Through USDA Webinar March 16th

Small towns and rural areas often are underserved when it comes to accessing capital. Infrastructure, access to affordable housing, finding resources for community projects, and job

creation are challenges many communities experience. USDA Rural Development is the federal agency tasked with assisting rural America. In fiscal year 2015 alone, USDA provided more than \$780 million in loans and grants to rural communities in Ohio. Programs help businesses, communities, non-profits and individuals build capacity, create wealth and reduce poverty. USDA Rural Development specialists have vast experience identifying partners and then working together toward the betterment of Ohio's rural communities. Webinars are free for [Heritage Ohio members](#). Read more [HERE](#)

Eleven Signs a City Will Succeed - The Atlantic

"By the time we had been to half a dozen cities, we had developed an informal checklist of the traits that distinguished a place where things seemed to work. These items are obviously different in nature, most of them are subjective, and some of them overlap. But if you tell us how a town measures up based on these standards, we can guess a lot of other things about it." Read more [HERE](#)

New Component Added to Choice Neighborhoods Program

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is making up to \$10 million available to local communities through a new component of its Choice Neighborhoods program. The planning and action grants will help selected communities to create locally driven plans to transform their struggling neighborhoods as well as implement early improvements. Grants of up to \$2 million will be available, with the agency expecting to make about eight awards, said HUD Secretary Julián Castro during a call with reporters. Read more [HERE](#)

2016 Barnett Symposium on May 11th and 12th

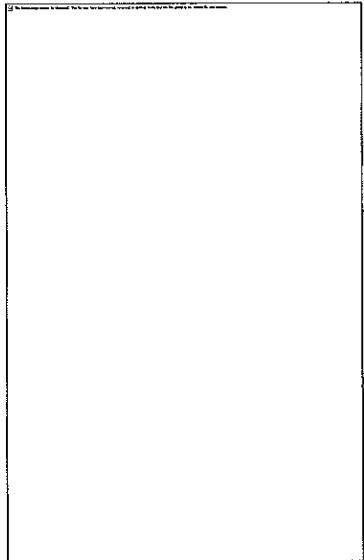
The biannual Barnett Symposium on the Arts & Public Policy is back May 11-12, 2016, with presentations that address the theme, Planning Creative Cities: Global Trends, Local Action. The Barnett Symposium began in 1993, providing an in-depth inquiry and analysis of public, private and non-profit sector policies and practices. The symposium brings together key leaders in the public, private and nonprofit fields, as well as foundations, state and city arts councils, corporate, academics, policymakers, planners, artists and arts administrators. Read more [HERE](#)

Smart Growth America Releases (Re)Building Downtown Guidebook

Downtowns, Main Streets, and city centers across the country are witnessing a renaissance. As more Americans chose the convenience and connectivity of walkable neighborhoods, communities are seeing new businesses, restaurants, and shops open in areas that were formerly vacant or economically distressed. This movement presents an economic opportunity for communities. Creating a vibrant, walkable neighborhood can help attract and retain talented people and the companies that want to hire them. It can expand economic opportunity within your community, and create a culture of engagement. It can help your region grow without compromising open land or working farms. It can also make your town or city stand out within your region as a destination to shop, dine, visit, move to, or invest. It's a chance to celebrate your community's diverse history, create new opportunities for long-time neighborhood residents, and to achieve the triple-bottom line of a more equitable community, stronger economy, and protected environment. Read more [HERE](#)

Main Street Tip of the Week – Emergency Planning Guide Emergency planning is an important part of any organization's risk management efforts. By preparing for emergencies, an organization can reduce the impact of unexpected events and help to ensure less interruption to their services. These guidelines will assist in the development of a plan for your organization. Plans should be site specific, communicated to staff and volunteers, rehearsed through regular drills and

evaluated/updated as needed. Your organization might find it helpful to assign the task of emergency planning and drills to your safety committee. Read more [HERE](#)



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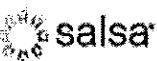


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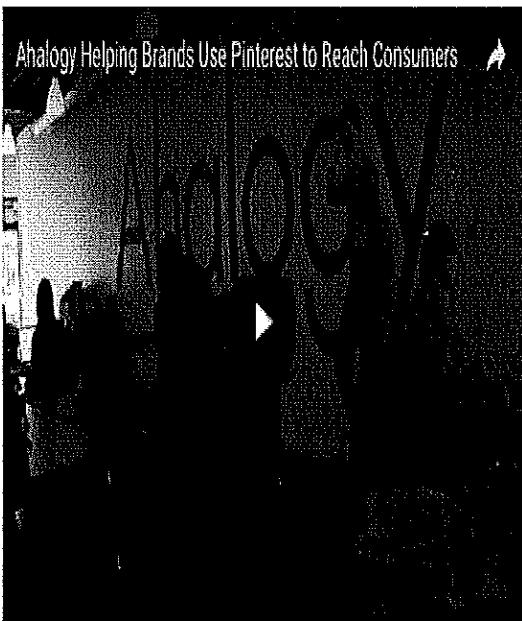
Hear from some of Ohio's diverse entrepreneurs about why inclusion is critical to building a strong tech economy, and how Ohio Third Frontier is committed to leading the way.

FEATURED STORY



Founder Story: ConnXus

ConnXus in Cincinnati, Ohio, is a cloud-based supply relationship management platform that enables major corporations, health systems and government agencies to monitor all aspects of their supplier diversity compliance programs using one simple program. Founder & CEO Rod Robinson received an Imagining Grant from CincyTech, a regional partner of Ohio Third Frontier in southwest Ohio. This grant enabled him to transition the idea for ConnXus into a business. Robinson has continued working closely with CincyTech, developing milestones for ConnXus' ongoing growth with his mentors in the program.



Predicting the Future of Commerce with Prevedére

As much as they may want to, companies can't predict the future to know what their customers will want next. In fact, many miss the mark on their quarterly sales predictions by an average of 13%. But with predictive sales software from Prevedére in Columbus, Ohio, companies can potentially reduce their forecast error by 50%.

Ahalogy Helping Brands Use Pinterest to Reach Consumers

With more than 100 million active members, Pinterest has become one of the biggest players in social content. The network is built to help Pinners discover new ideas, products and trends, and act on those discoveries by clicking "Pinned" images for more information. As a result, Pinterest has one of the highest click-through rates of any social platform. For a business, gaining these clicks and increasing their visibility is an important first step in a potential sale.



Improving Cancer Treatment with Red5 Pharmaceuticals

Pharmaceuticals

Cancer treatments like chemotherapy and radiation have been used for decades, but often pose serious health risks. A person's body can only handle a certain amount of treatment — and chemo and radiation can cause cancer cells to mutate and multiply. This can result in the disease coming back stronger and more aggressive. Red5 Pharmaceuticals in Cleveland, Ohio, is developing a new drug therapy that would destroy cancer cells when paired with traditional treatments, greatly lessening the chance the cancer will mutate.



SocialMLS Creates Home Listings for the Facebook Age

With the rise of online real estate sites like Zillow and Trulia, it has become more challenging for realtors to sell a home. With hundreds of listings available at the click of a button, it can be difficult to make a home to stand out from the crowd. These types of sites make it harder to communicate a home's history and the personal touches, simply because there's not enough room to include this type of in-depth information.



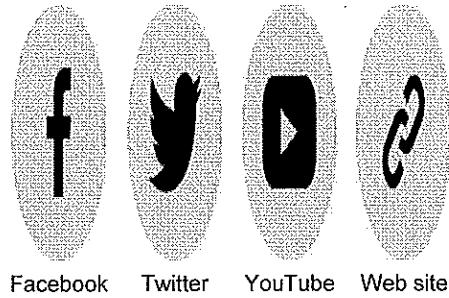
**Capture High School Sports Memories with
Storied Rivals**

Aaron Spragg, CEO and founder of Storied Rivals Sports Media in Zanesville, Ohio, wants to bring ESPN-quality storytelling to high school sports across the country. Professional coverage of sporting events has become commonplace with shows like Inside the NFL, but the same doesn't exist on a local level. Communities rally around their high school sports teams and want an in-depth look at a team's success, beyond what is available in their local evening newscasts. Storied Rivals' cinematic videos put viewers right in the middle of the action.

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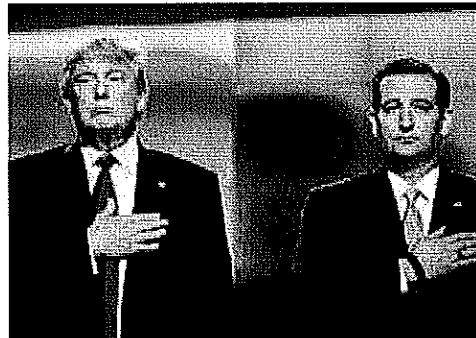
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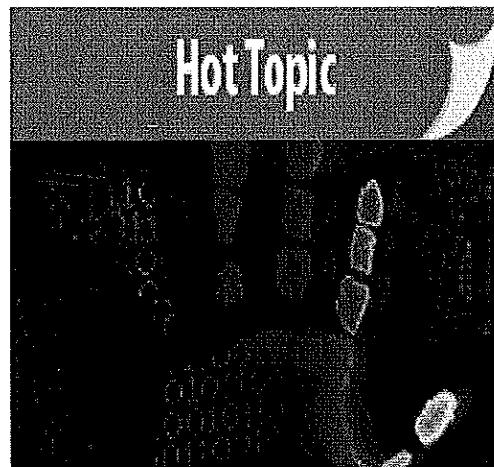
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The cover of "The Current State" magazine. The title "The Current State" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the subtitle "The Council of State Governments" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a small graphic of the United States map. At the bottom, a black bar contains the text "Issue: 61" on the left and "May 9, 2016" on the right. The overall background is white with a subtle grid pattern.



In Domestic Violence Situations, Pets Need Protection Too

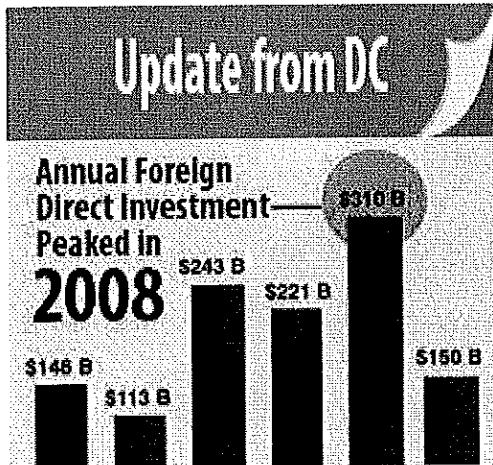
Michigan enacted domestic violence legislation May 3 that adds companion animals to personal protection orders, making it the latest state to acknowledge the role pets play in domestic violence situations. Currently, 29 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have laws with provisions that allow pets to be included in personal protection orders.

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States Use Data Analytics to Reduce Medicaid Fraud

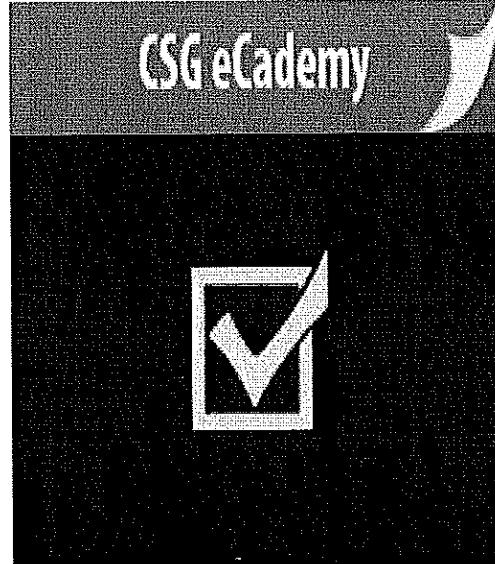
Major public benefits programs such as Medicaid are jointly funded and administered by the states and the federal government, but states often have the responsibility to identify instances of fraud. California, Massachusetts and Utah are expanding their use of data analytics to boost the efficiency of anti-fraud efforts and save taxpayer dollars.

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States Seek to Attract Investment at Hannover Trade Fair

State economic development organizations and U.S. companies were on full display last month at the Hannover Messe Industrial Trade Fair, April 25-29. Hannover Messe annually attracts more than 200,000 participants, but this year saw even more than the usual number of Americans in attendance. For the first time, the United



Putting Tech to Work for Overseas and Military Voters

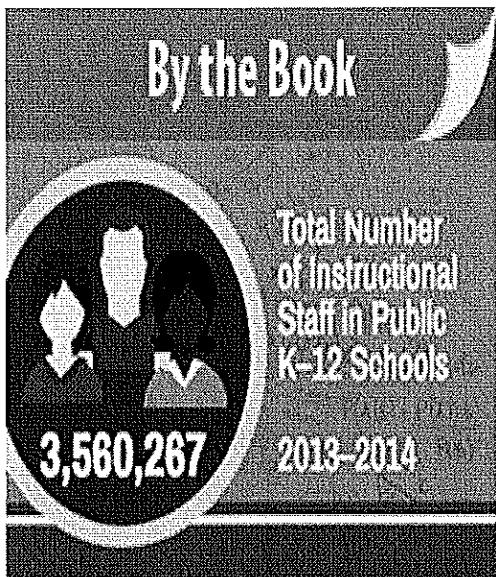
For U.S. service members and citizens living overseas, participating in elections back home can be a challenge. Tune in Tuesday, May 10 for a FREE CSG eAcademy webcast where members of The CSG Overseas Voting Initiative's Technology Working Group will discuss the group's efforts to research improvements

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incorporating technology that can help U.S. election officials facilitate and improve the overseas voting process.

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Teachers Count!

America's public school teachers play a critical role in educating and developing our children and youth. And with growing enrollment, increasing focus on specialized areas of instruction, shifts in education standards and policies, and funding shortfalls, the teachers of today face greater demands than ever before. Here's a look at America's teaching workforce, by the numbers.

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Early Childhood Investments

As states look to trim budgets and focus on programs that have proven results, early childhood programs have shown high return on the investment of taxpayer dollars on long-term nonacademic indicators. A 2012 report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation suggests that if a child starts kindergarten behind, it can be incredibly hard for them to catch up, but early childhood education and preschool help children who are behind catch up to their peers.

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Uber Settlement Means Drivers Remain Independent Contractors

A recent settlement by the rideshare company Uber of a pair of class action lawsuits in California and Massachusetts means the company won't have to change a key part of its business model—at least for now. The settlement covers about 385,000 Uber drivers in California and Massachusetts. Under the agreement, Uber will pay them \$84 million, with an additional \$16 million if the company goes public. In exchange, the drivers will remain independent contractors.

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Task Force Meets to Address Jobs for People with Disabilities

The CSG National Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities and four subcommittees met April 30-May 1 in Washington, D.C., to consider policy options for a national policy framework on the topic. The subcommittees each focus on a unique policy area impacting the employment of people with disabilities: Career Readiness & Employability; Hiring, Retention & Reentry; Entrepreneurship & Tax Incentives; and Technology, Transportation & Other Employment Supports.

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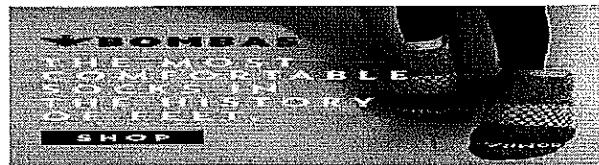
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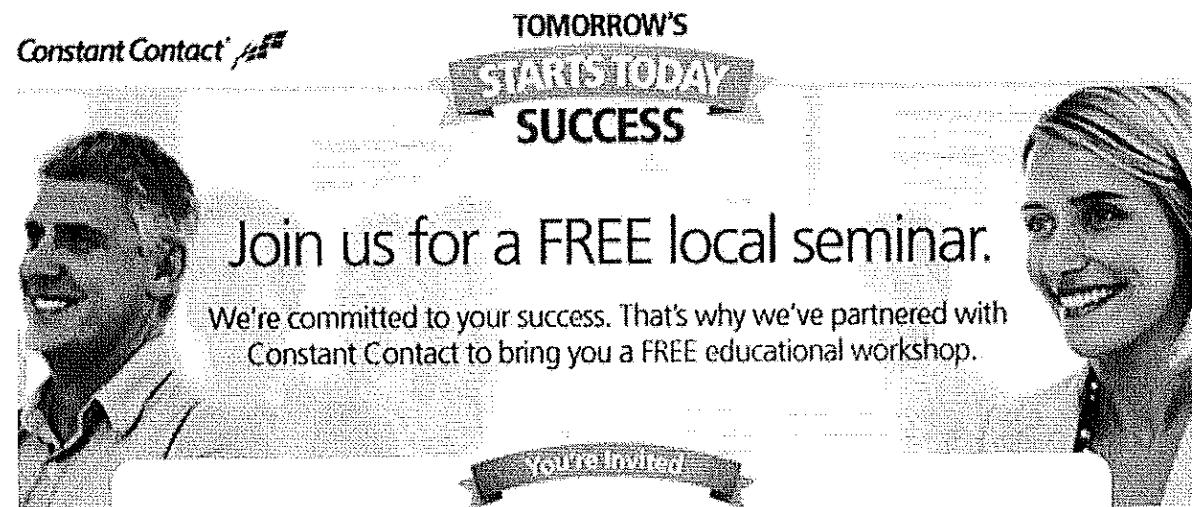
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Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am ET
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Presenter: Karen Leonard

Date: **Wednesday, July 13**
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Policy Matters Ohio



Head of Jack Kemp Foundation joins CSU forum

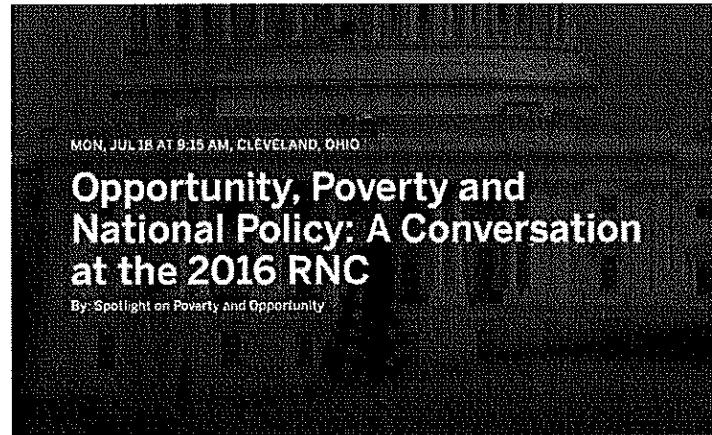
Local, national leaders discuss federal policies to reduce poverty

Contact: Harlan Spector, 216.361.9801

CLEVELAND - Jimmy Kemp, president of the Jack Kemp Foundation, will join a wide-ranging conversation about how federal policy can create opportunity and provide pathways out of poverty at an event during the Republican National Convention.

Sponsored by Cleveland State University's Office of Civic Engagement, Spotlight on Poverty

and Opportunity, and Policy Matters Ohio, the July 18 forum will present a lively discussion - with participants from across the political spectrum - about the challenges faced by low-income families in Cleveland and surrounding communities. The conversation, moderated by CNN political editor Juana Summers and Policy Matters Ohio Executive Director Amy Hanauer, will also explore how Republicans may respond in the fall campaign and when the new administration and Congress take power.



The Jack Kemp Foundation was founded in honor of the late Jack Kemp, the former congressman, cabinet secretary and vice presidential candidate, and the father of Jimmy Kemp.

Other forum participants will include John R. Corlett, president and executive director of The Center for Community Solutions; Colleen Cotter, executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland; Ronnie Dunn, associate professor in the College of Urban Affairs at CSU; Jim McLaughlin, Republican pollster and president of McLaughlin & Associates and Baldemar Velasquez, founder and president of the national Farm Labor Organizing Committee.

The event will be held 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday, July 18, in CSU's Waetjen Auditorium, 2001 Euclid Avenue. The event is free and open to the public but registration is required.

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Subject: Bring Back the American Dream - Introducing the Prosperity Zone Compact



Dear State Representative Schuring:

Compact for America Educational Foundation has joined forces with Federalism in Action and NeWAY Foundation to advance the “Restore Prosperity Now!” project. This is an entirely new effort for us—but one that has been road-tested in significant ways before getting underway. It is not an Article V effort—but it packs as big a punch if just two states join the effort. So what is it?

Find out by reading Compact for America Policy Brief No. 10:

The Prosperity Zone Compact:
Leveraging the Power and Promise of Interstate Compacts to Bring
Back the American Dream

This brief explains why using an interstate compact to create a framework for citizens to press a “reset button” for activist government public policy in their local community is both constitutional and uniquely powerful.

Future briefs authored by Dr. Adrian Moore (Reason Foundation), J. Scott Moody (Federalism in Action), Sam Watkins (American Action Forum), Dr. Byron Schlomach (1889 Institute), Dean Clancy (fmr. Vice President of Policy, FreedomWorks) and others will explain why the establishment of Prosperity Zones will result in **explosive economic growth, flourishing communities, and dominant international competitiveness** for the United States as a whole.

With Federalism in Action and NeWAY Foundation, and a growing coalition of equals, we will be launching an educational campaign in five states and Washington, DC in the near future.

We are also hosting a workshop at ALEC on Thursday, July 28 at 11:00 a.m. to further explain the merits of this incredibly powerful and innovative effort. Please join me and Steve Moore (CFAEF National Spokesman/Heritage Foundation), Dr. Adrian Moore (Reason Foundation), Sam Batkins (American Action Forum), Erick Brimen (NeWAY Foundation), and Speaker Pro Tem Greg Snowden (MS) at Restore Prosperity Now!

And if you miss us at ALEC, please consider visiting our booth at NCSL (booth 205) in Chicago and stay tuned for details on our workshop/breakfast at SPN in Nashville.

The goal of the project is to create the legal framework for shining examples of free market public policy with which we can contrast the standard activist government model.

Our team firmly believes that if we create easily formed and expandable "West Berlins" or "Hong Kongs" with which to contrast the "East Berlin" and "Mainland China" models that surround them, then Jeffersonian principles will prevail even amongst the least ideologically-motivated of our fellow-citizens.

We will show the country what real prosperity, abundance and opportunity looks like.

You can read more about the effort and research that has gone into it here.

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Managed by the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, OhioMEP is a State and Federal initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). To serve the diversity of Ohio's industrial base, OhioMEP manages a network of regional affiliate service organizations that are strategically selected and coordinated to serve as a statewide resource to meet the needs of key industry sectors and small manufacturers.

464

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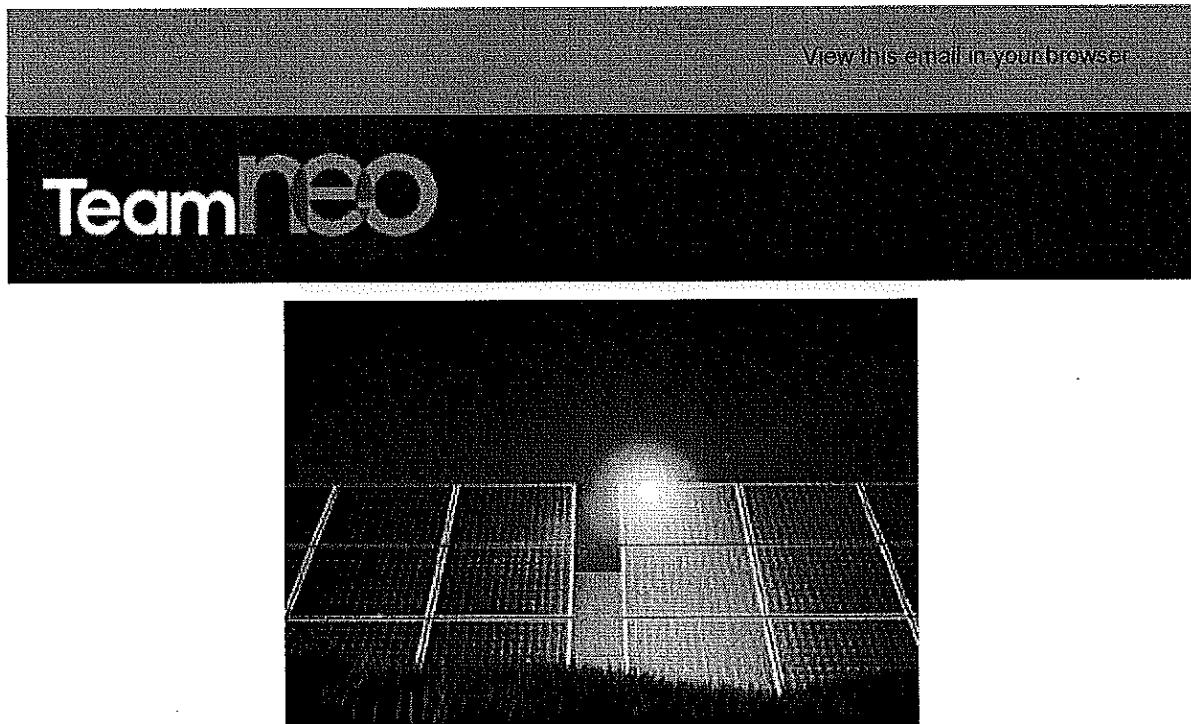


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From: Team NEO
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Subject: Sign Up for FREE Business Training Programs



Free Business Training Programs

Free business training is available to Northeast Ohio companies through Team NEO's U.S. Small Business Administration grant and in partnership with Lorain County Community College.

If you are interested in sending a person from your company to receive free training, please email Beth Elliott at belliott@teamneo.org with the company name, person's contact information and the training course name. FEEL FREE TO SHARE WITH COMPANIES YOU THINK MAY BE INTERESTED.

Below are the two available trainings.

Introduction to Microelectronic Sensor Processing (4 hours)

Training Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016

Time: 1:00PM – 5:00PM

Location: Lorain County Community College – Outside DEC 360 (The Richard Desich Business and Entrepreneurship Center)

Course Objective: The objective of this 4-hour training program is to focus on the general application of microelectronic sensors; includes lecture and hands-on work in a cleanroom laboratory.

For a more detailed course description, contact Beth Elliott at belliott@teamneo.org

Training Cost: FREE (normally \$95 per person)

** Please note we must have a minimum of 6 participants; but no more than 12.

Introduction to Industrial Automation and Controls (8 hours)

Training Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Time: 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Location: Lorain County Community College - Nord Advanced Technologies Center, Room AT127

Course Objective: The objective of this 8-hour training program is to introduce businesses to some rudimentary hands-on exposure to software and equipment.

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Training Cost: FREE (normally \$195 per person)

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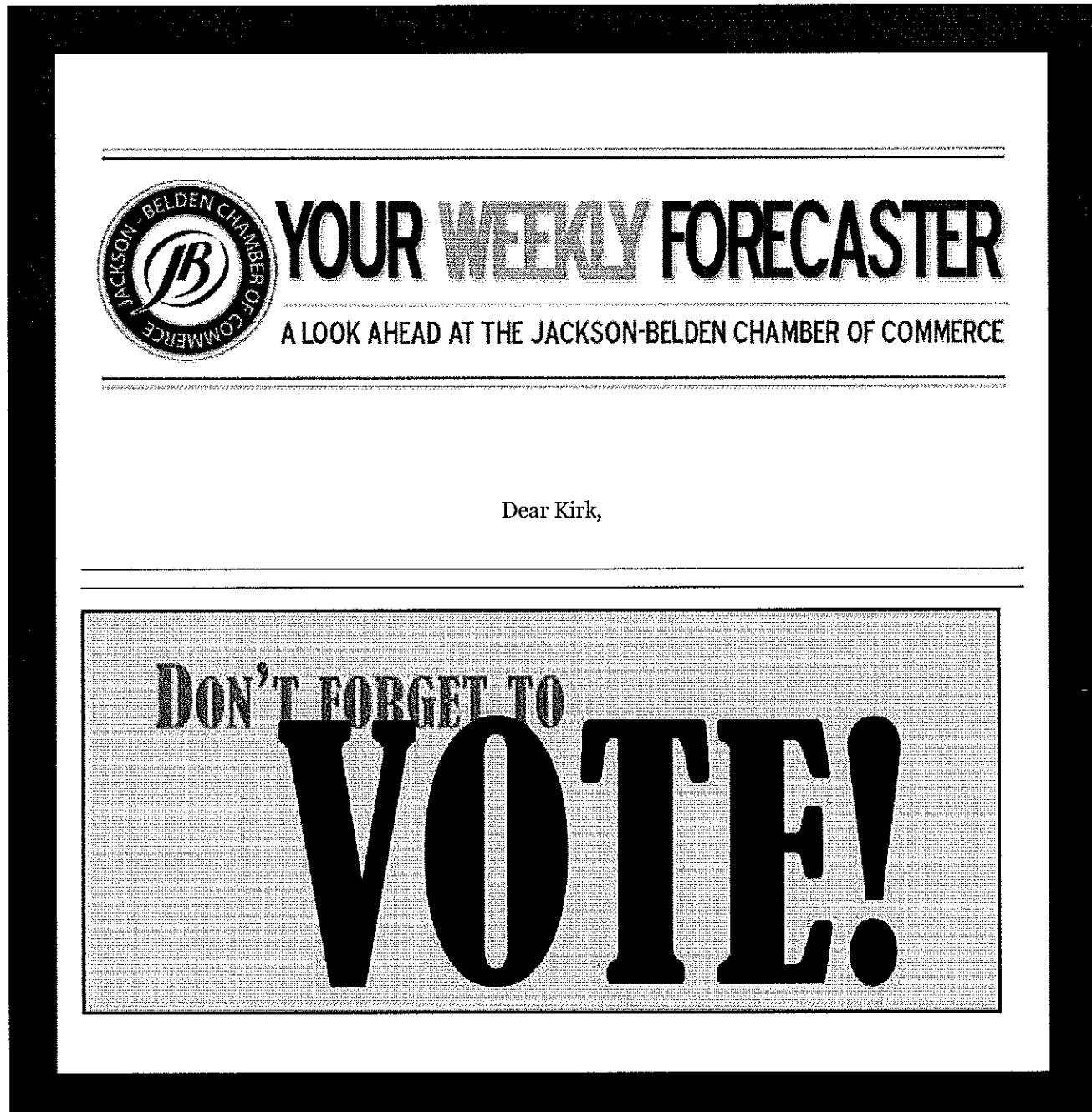
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National Employee Freedom Week

From August 14-20, a coalition of 102 groups in 42 states are banding together to celebrate National Employee Freedom Week (NEFW). NEFW celebrates right-to-work reforms across the nation and aims to inform union workers about their right to leave a union without loss of employment, salaries, benefits, or seniority.

Millions of workers currently reside in states or districts where they are required to pay dues or fees to a union as a condition of employment. Others are shackled because of “drop” periods that secretly lengthen union membership or, worst of all, mislead people to believe joining a union is the only option available.

In a 2015 *Somewhat Reasonable* article, Heartland State Government Relations Manager Logan Pike argued union workers are often misled into paying for representation they may consider unwarranted or political contributions that oppose their interests and viewpoints. “Union members usually can leave their union only during a narrow, two-week window at the end of a three- or four-year contract. Labor unions often hide these opt-out provisions deep inside wordy contracts,” said Pike. “Other workers remain in unions believing that will advance their careers, unaware that alternative professional organizations provide many of the same services, often with better benefits, at a fraction of the cost of union membership.”

Paul Kersey, the director of labor policy at the Illinois Policy Institute, celebrated labor freedom in a 2014 article, in which he wrote of the significant value of NEFW. “Why is this week so important?” wrote Kersey. “Because no one should feel forced to pay money to a union as a condition of holding a job. Whether you support unions or not, everyone deserves to know what their rights are so they can make a choice that works for them.”

The National Employee Freedom Week website displays alternative options for union members who don’t want to send large chunks of their hard-earned salaries to union bosses. Workers should have the freedom to join a union if they so choose, but they also should be allowed to opt out at any time, whenever they determine the union ceases to represent their interests.

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Budget & Tax

NFL Star Calls for End of Stadium Subsidies

Ben Johnson wrote in *Budget & Tax News* about a recent ESPN interview with Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman. Sherman, a star defensive player in the National Football League, voiced his opposition to taxpayer-funded stadiums for private sports teams. Johnson examines the stadium subsidy issue in greater depth, citing J.C. Bradbury, an economist and professor of sports management at Kennesaw State University, who says sports stadium subsidies don't just fail to provide economic benefits to communities, they often damage cities' economic health. "Economists have conducted many studies of the economic impact of stadiums, and the clear consensus is that they don't just not meet the promises of big returns, but the returns are normally negative," Bradbury said. [Read more](#)

Education

Texas Lawmaker to Revive Bill Establishing Education Savings Accounts

Kenneth Artz, news reporter for The Heartland Institute, writes on Texas state Rep. Don Huffines' (R-Dallas) continuing efforts to bring an education savings account (ESA) program to the Lone Star State. Huffines originally introduced Senate Bill 1178, which would have directed the Texas Education Agency "to conduct a study on implementing an education savings account program," in 2015, but it was defeated in the state's lower legislative chamber. He plans on introducing a similar bill in 2017. "If public schools don't work, it's important to give the kids an option," Huffines said. "One size doesn't fit all, so parents and students need to be empowered with the most comprehensive school choice plan possible." If an ESA bill is signed into law, Texas would become only the sixth state to have adopted this important reform. [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Podcast: Exposing the Mad War on Energy

In today's edition of *The Heartland Daily Podcast*, Kathleen Hartnett White, director at the Armstrong Center for Energy and the Environment at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, speaks with Managing Editor of *Environment & Climate News* H. Sterling Burnett. White joins the show to talk about the new book she co-authored with Stephen Moore, titled *Fueling Freedom: Exposing the Mad War on Energy!* White says during the interview the present war on fossil fuels is immoral and bad for the environment, and she explains in detail how the two major political party platforms differ on energy and



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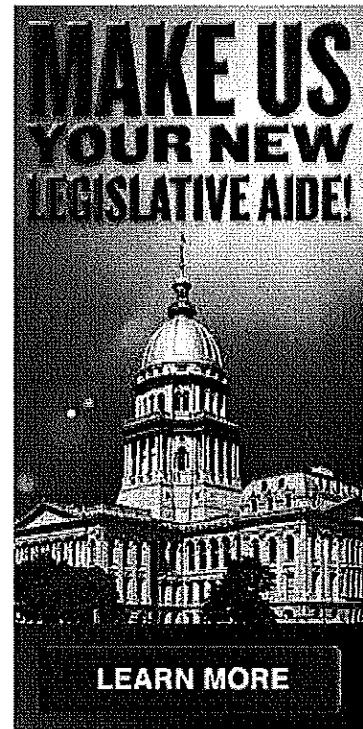
[Dr. Jeffrey English: Bring Doctors to Patients with Telemedicine](#)

In this episode of the *Health Care News Podcast*, Managing Editor Michael Hamilton speaks with Dr. Jeffrey English about the benefits of telemedicine. English says telemedicine is pushing back the new frontier of patient-centered, cost-effective health care innovation. The conversation focuses on why English made the leap to telemedicine, how telemedicine is delivering high-quality health care to patients with restricted access, limitations on telemedicine providers' ability to care for patients, and how government policies are contributing to or obstructing telemedicine innovations from flourishing. [Read more](#)

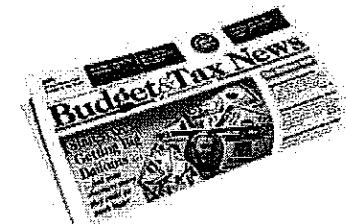
From Our Free-Market Friends

[American Lands Council: Government to Blame for Less Public Access](#)

Access to federal and state public lands remains an important issue around the nation. Public lands are held in public ownership for present and future generations. Only the U.S. Congress can change public land laws, and even if they do pass legislation, the bill still must be signed by the president, who has the power to unilaterally control (and often prevent) economic activity on millions of acres of federal and state public lands. Jack D. Jones, a wildlife biologist with the Montana Bureau of Land Management, argues in this article political rhetoric falls far short of addressing the real issue. "No, it's not all about an opened fishing access site along the east Gallatin River," said Jones. "The issue is larger - related to the lands in Montana the majority of these lands which now approach 65 percent are closed off to the public and who closed them." [Read more](#)



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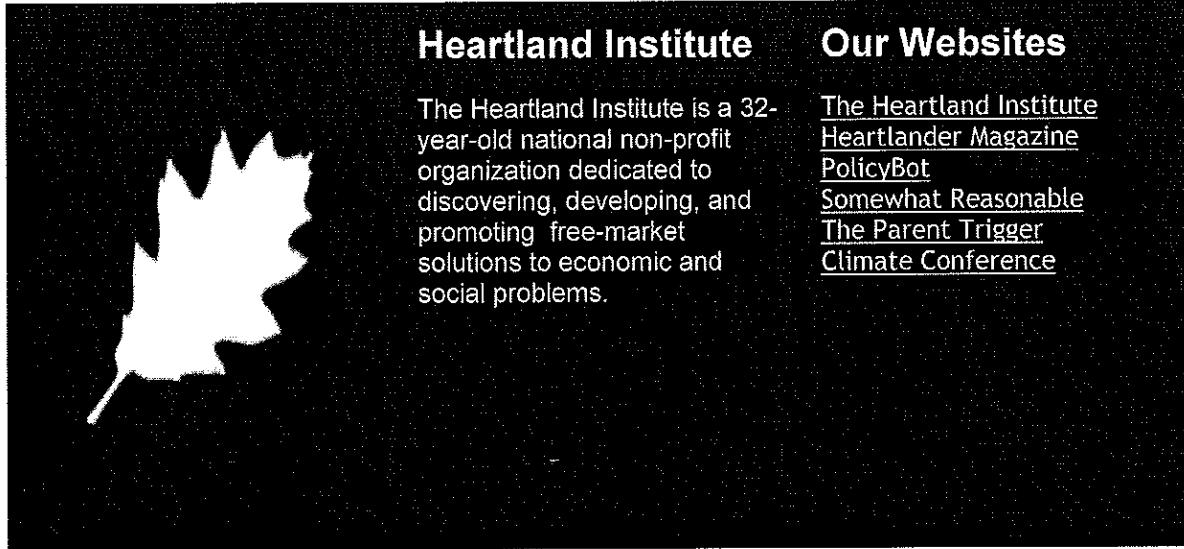
The July issue of *Budget & Tax News* reports Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam signed a measure repealing the state's Hall tax on interest and investment dividends, the state's only tax on an individual's income. The measure phases out the tax over five years. Justin Owen, president of the Beacon Center of Tennessee, expects the repeal to be good for the state's economy, noting,

"We have talked to numerous investors and job creators who have moved out of Tennessee because of the Hall tax. By eliminating it, we hope to bring those Tennesseans home, while also encouraging others to move into our state."

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Week of Monday, August 15, 2016

A weekly update of news and events from The University of Toledo. This update includes news and events from the past week, as well as future events to keep you informed about activities at UT. For more information, please contact Diane Miller, Office of Government Relations, at dianemiller@utoledo.edu or at 419.530.3804.



Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson joined UT President Sharon L. Gaber to announce the Toledo Talent Keeps Toledo Great internship program. Watch this [video](#) and learn how all UT students will have the opportunity to apply for more internships with the city to serve Toledo citizens throughout the year.



A total of 173 medical students received their white coats and recited the pledge of ethics at a ceremony Aug. 4 in the Lois and Norman Nitschke Auditorium. More than 75 percent of the new students are Ohio residents and one-third are from northwest Ohio.

Campus News

ESPN analyst to speak at Rocket Roundball Social Oct. 11

ESPN game and studio analyst Jay Bilas will serve as the guest speaker for Toledo's annual Rocket Roundball Social Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the main floor in Savage Arena.

UT law professor appointed to commission to recommend federal judge candidate

A constitutional law scholar at The University of Toledo was chosen to help identify the best candidate to fill a vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

UT, city announce Toledo Talent Keeps Toledo Great internship program

The University of Toledo and city of Toledo are expanding an internship program to allow all students the opportunity to earn valuable experience working in city offices and provide local government with additional talent to serve the community.

From the Heart Celebrity Wait Night to benefit cardiology fund

It's a night when UT Health physicians trade their white coats for aprons and their stethoscopes for sombreros. And instead of giving advice, they take orders from their patients.

UT Health to host appreciation celebration

University of Toledo Health faculty, staff, students and volunteers are invited to gather for a celebration picnic Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony, open house to mark Carlson Library renovations

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for University faculty and staff will celebrate the completion of major renovations to the third and fourth floors of Carlson Library.

Interim director named for Academic Enrichment Center

Michelle Arbogast has been named interim director of the Academic Enrichment Center on UT's Health Science Campus.

UT Health interim chief administrative officer named to permanent post

University of Toledo Health's interim chief administrative officer of outpatient Integrated clinical operations has been selected to fill the permanent position.

Research News

Students search to understand the power of Pokémon Go

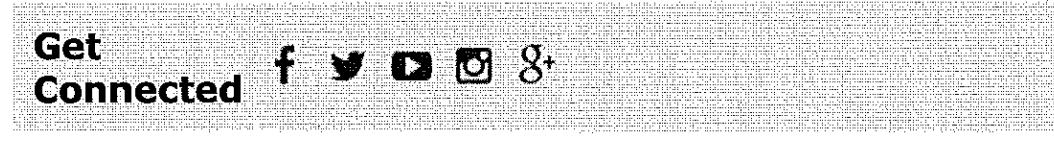
Researchers at The University of Toledo are working to be among the first to provide data on why so many Pokémon Go players are so dedicated to catching 'em all.

UT in the News

Local Muslims cope with tensions, scorn Toledo Blade

UT uses military technology to teach students 13abc

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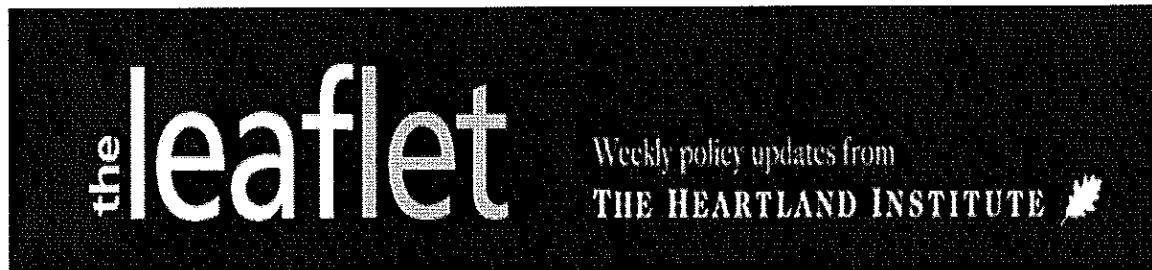
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Subject: The Leaflet - Football Season and Fantasy Sports



Football Season and Fantasy Sports

As the world anxiously waits to see the Carolina Panthers and Denver Broncos open the season in a Super Bowl rematch, fantasy football fans are glued to their computer screens debating which of their fledgling teams is the cream of the crop.

Steven Titch, policy analyst at the Reason Foundation, explains how fantasy sports work in a [recent R Street Institute article](#). “In fantasy sports, contestants pool their money and they each select a line-up of real-life players in a given sport—baseball, football, hockey, even golf and NASCAR. The performance of each player is tracked and the fantasy team is awarded points based on individual achievement—e.g., home runs in baseball and touchdowns in football.”

While this might sound like good, harmless fun to you, lawmakers across the nation have been working to ban or heavily regulate the growing fantasy sports industry, and fantasy sports businesses, such as FanDuel and DraftKings, and business associations, such as the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, have ramped up their efforts to stop government intrusion by lobbying in favor of fantasy sports freedom in legislative battles in numerous states, including Illinois and Texas. According to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article, Alexandra Berzon states the industry's lobbying efforts are growing: “It involves 78 lobbyists in 34 states, up from four lobbyists a year ago.”

In a [recent Off Shore Gaming Association article](#), writer Hartley Henderson says Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Carolina, and Wisconsin have all been invested in the fantasy sports debate. “Even states that were banned from the outset are having second thoughts. Arizona, Iowa, Louisiana and Washington all have some sort of bills to legalize DFS on the table. Only Montana has no bill on the table or desire to look at fantasy sports legalization.”

In the Empire State, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman declared DFS to be illegal, ordering a shutdown of all DFS activity in the state. Within a few months, the New York State Legislature passed legislation permitting DFS.

Citing an up-to-date DFS legislative tracker provided by ESPN, Titch said, "Mississippi, Missouri, Rhode Island and Tennessee are among states that also have legalized DFS, while it remains banned in Iowa, Louisiana, Arizona and Washington State."

Jesse Hathaway, managing editor of Heartland's *Budget & Tax News*, argues in a [recent Pittsburgh Tribune-Review article](#) state and federal lawmakers should refrain from cracking down on daily fantasy sports and let people have fun. "Instead of blitzing daily fantasy sports, lawmakers should resist the urge to ban popular, benign activities and products. Leaving consumers alone and letting them spend their money in harmless ways they enjoy is a touchdown for everyone."

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Budget & Tax

[Research & Commentary: Kansas Needs to Adjust Its Assumptions on Pension Investments](#)

Kansas is now facing a significant shortfall in its pension fund investments that could create substantial funding problems in the future. In 2015, Kansas issued a \$1 billion bond in an effort to boost its public-pension system by investing the bond proceeds. While final figures are not yet available, the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Director Alan Conroy indicated to the Topeka Capital-Journal investment returns for the first year are expected to be minimal. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines state pension funds and assumed rates of return. "If the estimated rate of return for these pension funds continues to fall short of expectations, pension systems across the country may be in even more trouble than is currently thought. Pension experts recommend states use an expected investment return rate of 3.1 percent, which is based on 30-year U.S. Treasury bond yields," Glans wrote. [Read more](#)

Education

[Research & Commentary: Louisiana Scholarship Program Saves Pelican State Tax Dollars](#)

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson writes about a new study by the School Choice Demonstration Project (SCDP) at the University of Arkansas, which has found the Louisiana Scholarship Program (LSP) - the Pelican State's voucher program for low-income students that launched in 2008 - is saving the state money. SCDP says cancellation of the program would increase costs for four out of five local school districts. To be eligible for the LSP, students must come from families earning under 251 percent of the federal poverty level and must have attended a school C-rated or below during the previous school year. Greater than 7,100 Louisiana children took advantage of the program in 121 different schools in the



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2015-16 school year. However, funding for the program will drop from the \$42 million it received in 2015-16 to only \$40.1 million in the fiscal year that started in July 2016. “Based on what we know about the educational benefits of school choice programs in general and the cost-saving integrationist benefits of LSP, it is not out of bounds to say LSP deserves a return to full funding from Louisiana legislators in the 2017 legislative session,” wrote Benson. [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Electricity Generation From Existing Sources is Cheapest, Report Says

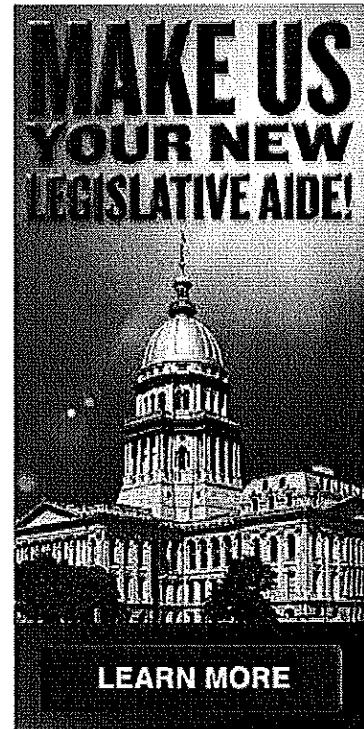
Michael McGrady writes about a recent report published by the Institute for Energy Research (IER) that concludes most existing electric power plants produce electricity with significantly lower costs than new-generation resources, such as wind and solar energy. Renewable-energy subsidies and the current regulatory push to promote wind and solar power, McGrady notes, have forced the premature retirement of coal-fired power plants and led to energy price increases. Electricity from new wind and solar power is 2.5 times to five times more expensive than electricity from existing coal and nuclear power. “Our study suggests existing power plants should continue to operate until electricity from them is more expensive than power from new equivalent replacements,” said report co-author Thomas F. Stacy. “For each major power plant technology, the average existing plants produce at a cost well below the cost from new power plants that might replace them.” [Read more](#)

Health Care

Research & Commentary: Medicaid Expansion Costs Continue to Grow

Thirty-one states, in addition to the District of Columbia, have chosen to expand their Medicaid programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and 19 have refused to do so. Medicaid is already placing severe financial strain on state budgets and the program has a proven track record of failing to provide cost-effective and efficient care for those in need. In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines state Medicaid programs, how costs are running out of control, and several proposals for reform. “In a new report from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), an examination of Medicaid’s finances found the average cost of ACA’s Medicaid expansion enrollees was nearly 50 percent higher in fiscal year 2015 than the levels HHS had projected the previous year,” Glans wrote. [Read more](#)

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POLICY NEWSPAPER



The July issue of *Health Care News* reports House Republican leaders plan to release immediately before the Republication National Convention a party-wide plan to repeal and replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare. Caitlin Carroll, communications director for the Republican Study Committee, said “any plan that dismantles Obamacare and moves [the country]

The Buckeye Institute Launches New Website, Logo, and Look

Much like Ohio's beloved state tree, The Buckeye Institute has deep roots going back to the organization's founding in 1989. On August 30, The Buckeye Institute announced the launching of a new look, logo, video, and website, which will allow it to engage state policymakers, the media, and supporters like never before. The new website highlights important policy issues, including health care, criminal justice, energy policy, and access to jobs. The Buckeye Institute will continue to grow free-market policies that enable people to lead fulfilling lives and cultivate those successful policies in other states beyond Ohio. [View the new website here](#)

toward patient-centered reform should be considered as part of the House's ongoing discussion of what a conservative health care reform plan should look like."

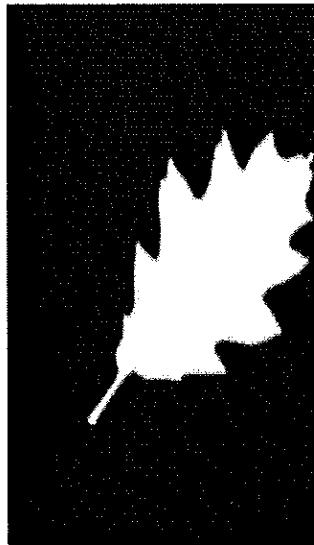
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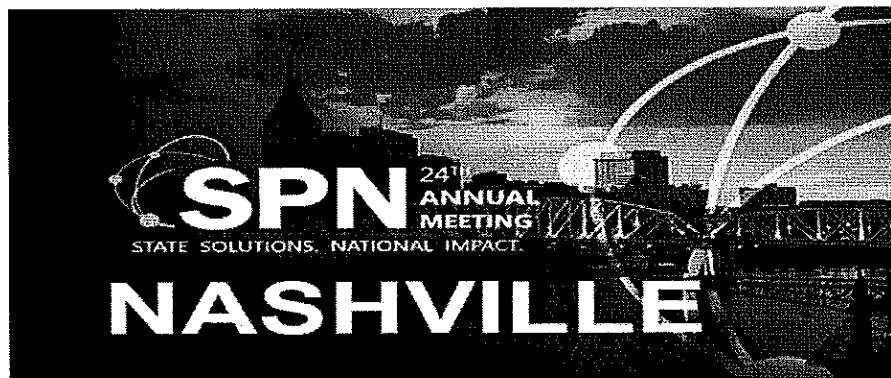


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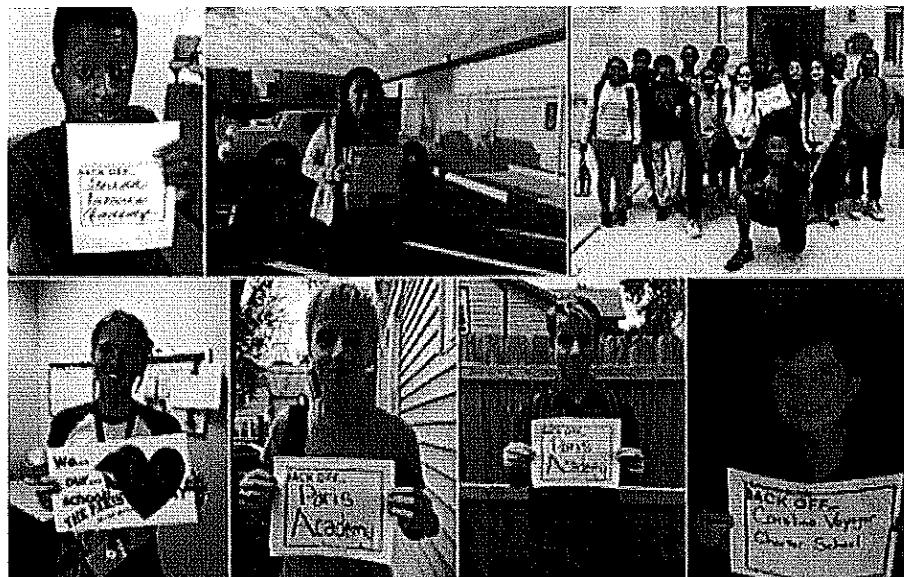
UNION MONEY IN MA. The NEA just approved \$3M more to fight education opportunity in The Bay State, bringing their contribution to \$4.9M. And that's not including the local MA Teachers Association spend of \$9M, along with the in-kind donations of teacher canvassing across the state to convince people that charters are bad for public schools. The reality is charters actually increase support for public schools – and increase funding for schools kids leave, giving districts plenty of resources to fix what ails them. Perhaps unions are getting nervous that news outlets big and small are exposing their false talking points on charter schools. CER CEO Jeanne Allen sheds light on reality of school funding in a local MA paper [here](#).



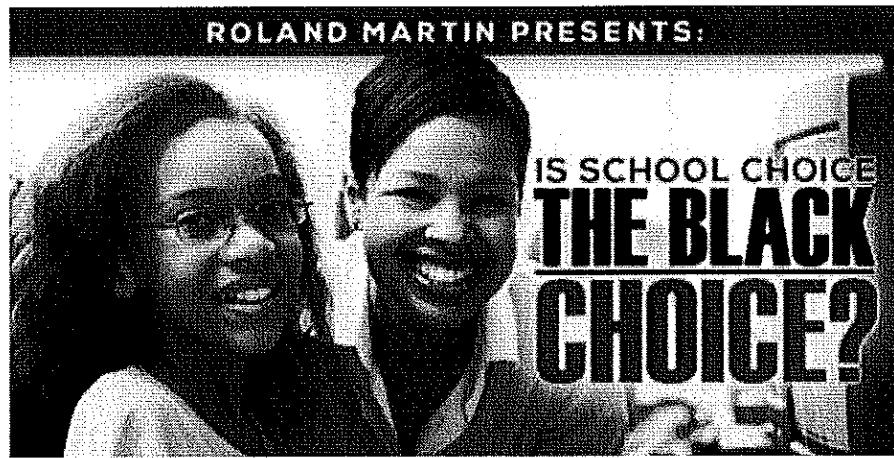
#SPNAM2016. Three cheers for all the great work the State Policy Network is doing surrounding innovation and opportunity! If you're at the annual gathering happening now in Nashville, be sure to find CER CEO Jeanne Allen and VP of Public Affairs Amy McGrath to chat about important topics surrounding education innovation and opportunity – like this great panel yesterday about how funding school choice increases support for all choices.



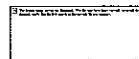
BACK OFF. Hundreds of parents, students, educators, and school leaders stepped up to the plate to show why their charter school works better for them than the status quo. The winner of the “*Hey John Oliver, Back Off My Charter School!*” Video Contest is scheduled to be announced by the end of the month. Keep the momentum going by sending your stories, and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates!



IS SCHOOL CHOICE THE BLACK CHOICE? Don't miss the engaging *News One Now* host Roland S. Martin at Howard University in DC for a special town hall meeting on October 5 alongside respected educators as they address issues of educating our youth. Doors open at 6pm. Event details and registration [here](#).



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Hi R,

Good morning! Here are a few materials from around the network that you may find useful or interesting.

Prospecting Tools: What would you say if I shared with you a free website that allows visitors to mine data for growing companies (based on percentage increase in revenue) by revenue, number of employees, industry and geographic location? That's exactly what the Inc. 5000 list has become for leading economic developers. I'm sharing this for a couple of reasons. First, this may be a tool that can inform opportunities for your R&E business development target lists, as substantial annual growth is a good predictor of future output growth. But second, this can inform what threats may exist in your community, as I can assure you that high-performance economic development organizations from other states or regions are using this list in their prospecting efforts. Find [prospect targets here](#) and talk with our [county partners](#) about how a coordinated approach to connecting those companies to a regional network can bolster that growth here in Northeast Ohio.

Ohio Rankings Continue to Climb: Forbes recently released its [Best States for Business ranking](#), in which Ohio ranked 11th. Ohio has moved up the Best States rankings in five straight years from a low of #38 in 2011 to #11 this year, the highest ranking of any state in the Great Lakes region. Ohio also ranked in the top 10 in the quality of life, regulatory environment and economic climate rankings. Unfortunately, Ohio also ranked in the bottom 10 in labor supply – a reality that many peers regularly

deal with in discussions with businesses. Nonetheless, the overall message to take away from these rankings is that Ohio continues to improve (especially in the eyes of national media, which has great influence on corporate perceptions) and we stack very well against our surrounding states with which we often compete.

CEOs are Feeling Confident: Business leaders responding to Chief Executive= 2s monthly CEO Confidence Index, which was distributed the day after the election, gave a much higher overall rating for how they feel business conditions will be 12 months from now this month than the month before. On a 1 to 10 scale, with 9-10 being excellent, and 1-2 being poor, CEOs gave a combined rating of 6.54. That's a 10.8% jump over the 5.9 rating given in October, and it's the highest rating given in more than a year. Learn more about this survey, as well as what CEOs are considering as top priorities for the federal government [here](#).

Perspective - Top 5 Things Learned After 10 Years in Economic Development: My friend Alan Tio, SVP for Business Development for the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership serving the Greater Fort Wayne region, penned a blog post last week which I think so many of my Northeast Ohio peers can relate. The transformational nature of what we're trying to do, the pride and passion for our work, making and owning your own luck, a regional sales team made up of everyone, and our dependence upon strong contacts for success. [Please check this out](#).

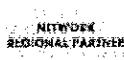
Ned Hill's American Manufacturing – 2016: Earlier this week at MAGNET= 2s State of Manufacturing event, former-Clevelander Ned Hill delivered great perspective on where the industry has been and where it could be going for Ohio. Not surprising, more than half of the major investments in Ohio in the past 3 years have been in manufacturing, and Dr. Hill highlights a number of headwinds and tailwinds that will influence Ohio's manufacturing strengths in the years to come. [Check them out here](#)

Kudos – Best Public Leader in Revitalization: Kimberly Marshall, the City of Medina Economic Development Director, was honored by Heritage Ohio with the Best Public Leader in Revitalization Award at its October annual conference in Cincinnati. She has over 25 years in public service with federal, state, and local government, and has been in her current position with the City of Medina since 2011. We're fortunate to have such strong peers throughout Northeast Ohio! Perhaps she can be a resource as your community is considering its revitalization initiatives.

Going Out on a Limb: Call me crazy, but I like the Browns on Sunday. The law of large numbers tells me they are due for a victory, right? And my wife's family is from Pittsburgh...so a win on Sunday would make Thanksgiving that much happier...so on that note....have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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